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Military steps in to evacuate homes as storms strike again

■ EMERGENCY services joined forces with soldiers from the Army's 43 (Wessex) Brigade to evacuate residents most at risk from last week's storm in West Bay. The nearby Crown Inn in Bridport became a dedicated evacuation centre, with families staying the night. Staff at the pub provided hot drinks and food for those evacuated, as well as for the emergency crews who helped out that evening *Photo from WATERSHED PR*



by Jack Dixon & Stuart Broom

WEST BAY residents were evacuated from their homes overnight on Friday as the Dorset coast was hit by yet more severe weather.

Military personnel were called in to help people escape the storms on Friday night and Saturday morning, as a pub, hotel and school were turned into emergency refuge centres for residents to take shelter.

Persistent heavy rain and hurricane force winds created giant waves that laid siege to the coastline as West Bay once again felt the full force of the storms.

Emergency services and council staff had been out earlier on Friday evening alerting residents living near the seafront, whose properties were under threat of flooding and structural damage.

Transport and medical assistance were provided as people fled the violent storm surge, which lasted until around 2am.

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HORTICULTURALIST Nigel Ball grew up in Uplyme and Lyme Regis, now living in Lyme with his wife Karen and son Ashley.

Nigel has his own horticultural business and is well-known in the local area for his involvement and success at many flower shows, particularly for his vegetable entries.

● **HOW did you get into horticulture?**

I got into horticulture working at Blossom Hill Nurseries in Uplyme. Walt Keeley and Roy and Anne Keeley took me under their wing. I knew this was the path I would take from the age of 10 years old.

● **WHAT do you enjoy about the job?**

I enjoy meeting people and trying to create a garden that suits customers' needs. Also, I try to inspire people to grow plants for show and pleasure. It's great being outdoors when the weather is good and you're working with nature.

● **YOUR family's vegetable entries have swept the board at local flower shows... what are your top tips?**

My top tips are use high quality seeds and composts, this will give you the best results. Join a society, such as the National Vegetable Society, or your local horticultural society and, above all, ask questions when you can. You can always learn something new.

● **WHAT are the easiest and hardest things to grow?**

This is quite difficult because some people have the knack of growing things and other people find it difficult. Easy plants to grow are annual bedding plants, such as French of African marigolds. Also, mustard cress is easy for children starting out in gardening. More difficult vegetables to grow to a high standard of showing purposes are long leeks, large onions from seed and potatoes that have to be uniform size and shape – this takes some skill and practice.

● **ARE you a member of any local groups?**

I am a member of Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society, Axminster Allotment and Leisure Gardeners and I help with their show and stand at Axe Vale Festival. I belong to Plant Heritage (Dorset), the Royal Horticultural Society and National Vegetable



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Society, and I'm a life-member of the Royal Dahlia Society. I'm also involved in raising money for Help For Heroes, mainly by giving lectures on growing vegetables and donating my fees to the charity.

● **WHAT are your other personal interests?**

I enjoy writing poetry for pleasure. I also have four ferrets, which I use to go ferreting. I am also interested in local life and what goes on in and around Lyme Regis.

● **WHAT do you like about Lyme Regis?**

The mix of people, the change of seasons and also the views of the coastline and looking back out to Uplyme at the views over the countryside. We must never take this for granted.

● **WHAT do you think the town is missing?**

I think the big thing that is missing in Lyme Regis is the lack of affordable housing for young people. Developers should be made to build smaller houses at low cost and not rely on housing associations to run the housing market after they have creamed all the profits and left the town. A new policy needs to be put in place for this from central government.

● **WHAT would you do if you won the Lottery?**

This is difficult but I would by any ground that came available to build houses for young people to buy at low cost. After this, I would plough the money back into building more houses. Therefore, young people of the town could live here. They may never get the chance to buy a house here in Lyme Regis.

● **WHICH three people would you invite to your dream dinner party?**

My wife, of course, Sir Gillelan Prance and my dentist, Monica Symes.

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Pub for sale as community asset

A HISTORIC pub in Marshwood has been put up for sale and could be purchased by the local community.

The Bottle Inn is listed as an asset of community value by West Dorset District Council and was put on the market by its owners last week.

Under the rules of the Localism Act 2011, there will be a period of six weeks during which time the owners cannot sell the pub.

In the meantime, a voluntary or community body can register its intention to bid for the property.

by Jack Dixon

Should a group come forward, they would be given a further six months to prepare a bid and raise funds.

Leader of West Dorset District Council, Robert Gould, said community assets were recognised by the council as "places that have an important role in local life".

The Bottle Inn was named Pub of the Year by the West Dorset branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) earlier this month, but has been closed and re-

opened on numerous occasions in recent years as ownership has repeatedly changed hands.

Licensee Nigel Blake, who has been running the pub with his wife Chrissy since August 2012, says he is hopeful that community ownership will finally protect the pub from commercial interests.

He said: "The owners have decided to put it up for sale, which is the outcome we were hoping for. It means it will now be offered to the community first – we felt this was the only way it could be protected. Too

many pubs are being turned into supermarkets and too many are being taken away from the villages. This means it can only ever be a pub."

The Bottle Inn dates back to 1585, and following their recent award, was described by a CAMRA spokesman as "the perfect English country pub", with a "friendly" and "relaxed" manner.

Mr Blake added: "The pub has a bad history with owners and it has been closed a lot of the time in recent years, but this should finally give it some protection.

"It was our idea to get it started in the first place but we have a large area customer base stretching 12 to 14 miles, and there are 55 people involved now – and it is growing all the time."

● Broadwindsor Stores was also put up for sale as an asset of community value by West Dorset District Council last week, and community groups will have up until mid-March to register their intention to bid for either property. The deadline for notification for The Bottle Inn is March 17th, and for Broadwindsor Stores March 18th.

Apartment roofs ripped off in storms at West Bay

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West Bay residents who chose to leave their homes were moved to The Crown Inn pub in Bridport late on Friday evening; Colfox School and The George Hotel in West Bay were also made available as refuge centres in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Simon Warry, the landlord at The Crown Inn, said: "Everyone was a bit surprised by it. They knew a storm was on the way but they did not expect to get evacuated.

"Obviously at the height of the storm it was particularly risky to be near the seafront. In the light of day, it is hard to believe it all really happened."

Thirty foot high waves struck the coastline, exceeding the most severe flood warning levels and causing a danger to life.

Access to West Bay was cut off by emergency services overnight on Friday, as water spilled over the side of the harbour and onto footpaths and roads.

Seventy-five mph winds caused disruption further inland, with fallen trees and structural damage blocking the roads, and overturned lorries on the A35 also unable to cope with the conditions.

Roofs were ripped off five apartments in Heron Court and flung across a yard, with one resident's car left buried by debris.

A neighbour, who was evacuated to the George Hotel, said: "We were put on alert but of course we knew and could see the problems.

"There had been other gusts previously but suddenly there was a big noise and I looked outside to see the roof flying over the road."

Whilst there appears to be some water damage to the properties in Heron Court, no one was injured and it would appear that once temporary roofing has been replaced, residents should not need to leave.

The Lyme Bay Lookout at Burton Bradstock, which

withstood a Force 10 storm on Christmas Eve, was also devastated by the weekend's weather.

Singer-songwriter and activist Billy Bragg, who lives in the area, was the first to notice the damage after the roof of the lookout had been blown away by high winds.

The following day a team of watchkeepers examined the damage and made the structure safe. They found the roof embedded in Mr Bragg's hedge while three of the wooden walls had been blown down.

Valuable electronic and optical equipment suffered water damage during the storm, and much of the furniture from the building was found beyond repair.

The worst of the weather came between 10pm on Friday and 2am on Saturday, but huge waves continued to crash into the coastline during Saturday morning.

Walkways around West Bay harbour were obstructed by debris as the effects of the storms carried over into the weekend.

Dorset County Council advised people to stay away from the coast due to the "extreme conditions" and issued further warnings after a landslide at West Bay caused rocks and debris to fall onto the seafront on Saturday afternoon.

Simon Parker, Dorset County Council's Emergency Planning Officer, said: "I would urge anyone visiting the coastline around Dorset to obey warning signs, stay on public footpaths and keep out of restricted areas or paths which are closed.

"The coast is actively eroding and that means landslides and rock falls do happen, and although these are difficult to predict with certainty, factors like heavy rainfall can increase the risk of this happening."

Properties across Bridport and Beaminster were without power over the weekend, and though flood warnings are no longer in place, the authorities have warned that roads could still be at risk over the coming weeks as groundwater continues to rise.

Sir Graham Watson, the Liberal Democrat MEP for the South West will visit Bridport on Saturday to see parts of the area recovering from storm damage.

For further travel information and road closures visit www.dorsetforyou.com/traveldorset and for the latest updates on flooding visit www.environment-agency.gov.uk

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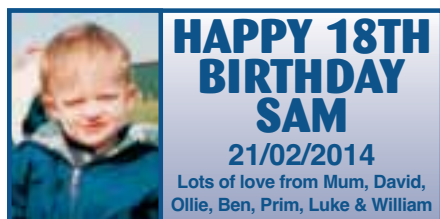
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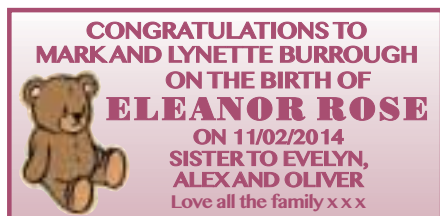
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Citizens Advice Bureau joins 'Fit to Work' drive

BRIDPORT and District Citizens Advice Bureau has joined a national campaign to help sick and disabled people receive vital support and fair treatment.

The Citizens Advice Bureau has launched a campaign following Government reforms to Employment Support Allowance, which it fears could leave sick and disabled people stranded.

The Work Capability Assessment, which determines people's eligibility for the allowance, has come under fire from critics.

Since October, those who are at first refused support have had to wait a further two weeks for re-assessment, during which time they could be left without income.

But the new 'Fit to Work' campaign calls on ministers to ensure applicants are not left without financial support during this period.

Martin Paley, manager of Bridport CAB, said: "Far too many of our clients are having stress piled onto unfairness as a result of this system."

"I am worried that the early signs since changes were made have only made a bad situation worse."

"Since the new reassessment hurdle was introduced, we have helped people in Bridport and the surrounding area deal with many mandatory reconsideration issues."

"There is a real danger that people

who are a fully entitled to support are denied it for at least an extra two weeks as a result of these changes."

"I am pleased to be a part of this new campaign to get the problems sorted out for our clients."

"This needs to be a joint effort between ministers, officials, charities and health professionals to make sure sick and disabled people get quick and fair treatment out of this system which right now is simply not working."

Advisers and volunteers have helped 87 clients in Bridport since the changes were made to the allowance.

In the past year, Citizens Advice nationally has helped with nearly half a million problems about ESA.

Gillian Guy, Chief Executive of Citizens Advice, said: "The extra red tape hurdle recently put in place by ministers before people can get much-needed support will mean thousands are wrongly forced to go it alone with no source of income."

"The best way to get the number and cost of appeals down is to make sure decisions are right first time rather than forcing people to jump through unnecessary and stressful extra hoops."

Council seeks your views

WEST Dorset District Councillors will seek the views of the public over its three-year programme to review council services.

In the coming months, local people, businesses and other groups will be consulted on the future role of the district council under the strapline '2020 Vision - your future council'.

A programme to review services has been agreed in conjunction with Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, with the first reviews to take place in April.

West Dorset District Council Leader Robert Gould said: "Our two authorities are taking a proactive approach

and tackling this in a managed way."

"The service reviews will help ensure the councils are able to provide appropriate and affordable services which best meet the future needs of local residents and businesses."

The two councils have already saved around £3million a year through a shared services partnership, with one workforce delivering services for both authorities.

But both will need to find considerable further savings, with WDDC's government grant to be reduced by more than 50 per cent by 2016.

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Bridport to support Sport Relief again

FOLLOWING the inaugural Sports Relief Mile in 2012, Bridport is once again supporting the event – which will take place on Sunday, March 23rd.

The biennial event attracted more than 100 runners of all ages last time, and the joint organisers St Mary's School and

the Bridport Runners hope they will exceed both the numbers of runners and the amount raised this year.

The Sport Relief Mile will be setting off from St Mary's Primary School, Skilling at 11:30am, offering the choice of running one, three or six miles

with all races finishing again at the school.

Sport Relief Mile is part of a nationwide series of over 1,000 sporting events which takes place between March 21st and 23rd across the UK.

According to the initiator, the UK charity Comic Relief, its

aim is raising money "to help people living incredibly tough lives, both at home in the UK and across the world".

For more information please contact Brian Shelley of Bridport Runners on 01308 459 942 or email jane_brianshelly@yahoo.co.uk

Green light for music festival

BRIDPORT'S first musical festival will take place this summer with the confirmation of a premises license being granted by West Dorset District Council for the day event at Asker Meadows on Saturday, July 12th.

The event will feature a variety of music including a headline band as well as a number of local groups, acoustic and comedy stages and a number of trade stands to interest the whole family including a whole children's area of activities.

The license allows the local organisers Jurassic Fields Productions Limited to run the festival annually on the second Saturday in July.

Their intention is that 80 per cent of any profits made will be used to help improve and expand next year's event, the rest being donated to local music and sport activities.

A full programme of events and details of where to purchase tickets will be available in the next two to three weeks.



SOMETHING FISHY | Members of the Bridport & District University of the Third Age's 'Isn't That Interesting' group braved the stormy weather to visit Samways fish merchants at Gore Cross last week. The group was kitted out in white coats, hairnets and protective gloves as they were shown around the facility by the Samways team. Group leader Alan Hobby said: "It says a lot for the U3A membership that we were able to identify all but a couple of the fish that Claire showed us. We struggled with ling and Pollock but sailed through red mullet and gurnard!"

Kerbside collection means reduction in recycling banks

THE Dorset Waste Partnership's kerbside recycling scheme, which will come into effect in Bridport next year, is proving a success elsewhere in the county and district councils have announced a reduction in the number of traditional recycling banks.

The DWP's 'Recycle for Dorset' initiative aims to increase recycling rates and reduce costs by encouraging more people to recycle at home.

Councillors on the DWP Joint Committee have agreed to remove most recycling banks in Christchurch, East and North Dorset from June.

The service will be rolled out to West Dorset later this year and will be in operation in Bridport by summer 2015.

Hilary Cox, chairman of the DWP

Joint Committee, said: "Residents can now recycle much more at home using the 'Recycle for Dorset' service, so really do not need the bring banks, which are costly to maintain."

"Although provided for householders only, the banks are often used by businesses, which are responsible for disposing of their own waste."

"We can help businesses with this change by offering free advice as well as a value-for-money commercial waste and recycling service."

In the areas where the scheme is currently in operation, recycling rates have risen to more than 62 per cent, and by 2015 the DWP aims to reach 65 per cent while driving down costs by £2million a year.



NEW PRESIDENT | Julian Hussey, director of local funeral directors A.G. Down, has been appointed president of the National Association of Funeral Directors for the western counties. The post, which has previously been held by Mr Hussey's mother and stepfather, will involve representing the association at various events and chairing its quarterly meetings. Mr Hussey is pictured with national president Simon Fisher and outgoing area president Graham Lymm



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Air ambulance chosen as Buckham Fair charity

BUCKHAM Fair organisers Martin and Philippa Clunes have chosen Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance as their charity for this year's Buckham Fair.

The annual fair has raised more than £112,000 for local charities since it began in 2008, and after last year's bash £66,000 was donated to the Weldmar Hospice.

Mr Clunes said: "This year we will be raising funds again for the the Dorset & Somerset Air

by Jack Dixon

Ambulance, a fantastic local charity and, now more than ever, they really do need our support.

"Over the years the fair has grown bigger and better – this year among other rides we will have a big wheel, dodgems, a carousel and a helter skelter.

"We do feel very lucky to live in such an unspoilt and beautiful area and it is fantastic to be able to share

it with the community once a year."

The fair has grown year on year and now includes police dog displays, heavy horse displays, vintage cars and scooters.

Trade stands have also been attracted to the fair and the food court has grown to include a tented deli area.

A spokesperson for Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance said: "We

were fortunate enough to work with Martin, Philippa and their organising committee back in 2011 where the event raised a staggering £34,000 for the charity.

"We really can't wait for this year's event and hope many of our supporters will join us on the day."

Dorset County Councillor Rebecca Knox said: "It is great to hear that Buckham Fair is supporting Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance – it is so vital for rural communities."



■ Martin and Philippa Clunes present a cheque to representatives of Weldmar Hospice, who were last year's recipients of proceeds from the annual Buckham Fair

Mountjoy appoints a new head

MOUNTJOY School in Beaminster have announced the appointment of a new permanent head teacher.

Jackie Shanks, who is the head of The Ryes College and Community in Essex will take over from acting head Lesley Cook at the start of the new school year in September.

The school's board of governors ratified the decision last Tuesday before announcing it to staff, parents and children the following day ahead of making it public.

The special needs school that relocated from Bridport to a new purpose built home alongside Beaminster School in November 2012 was judged in need of improvement in its leadership and management following an inspection last autumn which led to Mrs Cook being appointed acting head three days a week.



■ JACKIE Shanks

Sewer flooding scheme to protect village homes

RESIDENTS in Broadwindsor are to benefit from a £4.4million scheme to protect homes from sewer flooding.

South West Water has announced plans to invest around £160million in improving its water and sewerage infrastructure in 2014-15, and Broadwindsor has been earmarked among the communities that will benefit.

South West Water Chief Executive Chris Loughlin said: "We will be investing in protecting customers from sewer flooding across the region and in particular we are pleased to be trialing our 'Downstream Thinking' approach to managing storm water, preventing it from overloading our sewers and flooding homes and gardens."

A freeze on standard tariffs and standing charges has also been announced, and customers will further benefit from the £50 Government contribution to reduce bills.

Mr Loughlin added: "At a time when household budgets are under pressure, we are pleased to have been able to confirm a price freeze for customers and businesses until April 2015, as well as our proposals to keep average bill rises below inflation to 2020."

"But a price freeze does not mean an investment holiday for us. We are investing £430,000 a day in our infrastructure to improve tap water quality, help the environment and protect people from sewer flooding – especially as we are experiencing wetter winters."

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■ SURVEYING the damage at one of the damaged properties in West Bay on Saturday morning
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■ THE felt roofing ripped from the apartments at Heron Court ended up on top of a car, completely enveloping it
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Work suspended as council counts cost of road damage

WORK has been suspended on a string of highways construction schemes to enable crews to deal with damaged roads as a result of last week's storms – and council bosses are estimating the bill for road repairs to be around £7million, writes JACK DIXON.

Earlier this week, Dorset County Council redeployed workers to help tackle road repairs,

blocked ditches and drainage problems caused by the heavy rain and strong winds.

Commencement of work on the Bradpole Cycleway in Bridport is one of eight construction projects that have been put on hold while emergency work is carried out on the roads.

The county's road network has suffered extensive damage since Christmas Eve and

Dorset County Council has already spent £700,000 on repairs.

But council experts are now warning that the full cost of the damage is likely to be in the millions of pounds – and there could be more bad weather to come.

Andrew Martin, Dorset County Council's Head of Highways Operations, said: "The current weather has made it very difficult to carry out

some of our construction projects cost-effectively and, more importantly, safely. So we have decided to temporarily close down a number of schemes and divert resources to help the emergency response effort.

"More people will be available to tackle pothole repairs, clear out ditches and gullies, move fallen trees and ensure drainage systems are working properly. Even if the rain stops soon, we will still have a sizeable backlog of issues to sort out, so it makes sense to suspend or delay these construction schemes for a couple of weeks.

"We will assess progress next week, but our top priority is to keep roads clear and safe to use."

Councillor Hilary Cox, Cabinet Member for Environment, said the council would be lobbying the Government for emergency funds to help in footing the repair bill, but the immediate concern was seeing out the crisis.

She said: "Our highways teams are putting all their efforts into ensuring that our residents suffer as little as possible from storm-damaged roads, and making it safe for people to travel.

"We will worry about fully restoring them after the crisis has passed, when we will be applying to the Government for

any support available.

"I would like to thank our tireless highways

teams, who are continu-

ing to work very hard in truly awful conditions."

Bridport news briefs...

Free PSA blood tests

THE South Dorset Prostate Cancer Support Group are inviting men over the age of 45 to a free PSA testing day in Bridport to promote awareness about the disease.

Around 42,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer each year and almost 11,000 die from the disease annually.

A simple blood test (PSA test) can determine whether someone is at risk and, if caught in the early stages, cure rates are over 80 per cent.

The testing will be conducted by trained personnel, using state-of-the-art equipment with results produced within 15 minutes.

The testing day takes place on Saturday, March 15th at the Bridport United Church Hall from 9:30am to 4:30pm. To avoid waiting on the day it is recommended that an appointment be made in advance. To book an appointment call Barry Newman on 01305 834064.

Bridfem to mark day

BRIDFEM, Bridport's feminist group, is planning a range of activities to celebrate International Women's Day on Saturday, March 8th.

Events begin on Friday with a 'Frolic for Feminism' disco at the Beach and Barnicott and a community pop-up play at the Avenue Restaurant.

On Saturday there will be a series of film screenings and a story-telling session, with performers and stalls lining the Bucky Doo Square. Comedian Shappi Khorsandi will round off the day's entertainment with a performance at the Bridport Arts Centre.

Further events are planned for Sunday including a lunchtime singing session at the Chapel in the Garden.

For more information email bridfem@hotmail.co.uk or call Margie Savory (01308 421124).

■ A BINGO night will be held on Saturday, March 1st at Bridport Youth Centre, Gundry Lane, to raise funds for the Bridport Charter Fair. Doors open at 7pm with eyes down at 7.30pm.

This year's Fair takes place on Saturday July 5th in South Street, the Arts Centre and the Borough Gardens.

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AMBULANCE VISIT | Members of the Dorset's ambulance service paid a visit to St Andrew's Pre-School last week, as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) scheme to enable children to make connections between different parts of their life experiences. Children were given the chance to dress up and explore the ambulance and its equipment. Staff at St Andrew's thanked the crew for their help during the visit



Blues night tickets up for grabs

TICKETS to a blues extravaganza are up for grabs in Bridport town centre next month.

If you can spot a member of the Lions Club of Bridport in the town centre on Saturday, March 15th, wearing the sweatshirt, *pictured below*, you're in luck.

The first person to approach them will be given two free tickets to the Lions' third blues spectacle.

The event, which is being held at Freshwater Beach Holiday Park on Saturday, March 29th, will feature Ben Waters, C Sharp Blues and Custer's Last Blues Band.

It promises to be a great night so try to spot the Lion or go direct to Bridport Music Shop or the Tourist Information Centre for your tickets.

Tickets cost £10 in advance or £12 on the door.



■ MEMBERS of Bridport & District University of the Third Age have been reassured that the future of the group is not under threat.

There had been concern that the group would fold if it could not find a new chairman. But current chairman Jenny Malyon told a meeting of new members on Friday that U3A is going 'from strength to strength'.

She said: "Some people were concerned that U3A may be folding up, but I must stress that it is not going to happen and there is nothing to worry about."

Coastal path initiative hopes to raise £25k

A SCHEME to improve the South West Coast Path has been launched with the hope of raising £250,000.

The Great South West Walks 2014 has been unveiled by the South West Coast Path Association (SWCPA), an initiative which consists of 100 guided circular walks taking place this year between Saturday, September 20th and Sunday, September 28th.

The plan is to raise funds for 50 improvement projects, which SWCPA hope will be completed by the summer of 2015.

It follows the success of the Great South West Walk 2013, where the entire length of the coast path was covered in a series of relay walks across five weeks.

Ken Carter, project chairman of the Great South West Walks 2014, said: "When we held our Great South West Walk last year to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Coast Path, we never imagined we would receive so much support."

"Our £250,000 target was greatly exceeded and over £600,000 was raised from sponsorship and the release of match-funding provided by the South West Coast Path Team's grant from the Rural Development Programme for England. This resulted in 130 improvement projects along the South West Coast Path."

The 100 walks will cut across the length of the coast path in Dorset, Devon and Cornwall, as well as the Exmoor coast through Somerset.

There will be guided sponsored walks of various lengths to suit all types of walkers, and many will be themed. Each walk will be guided by local experts, rangers and path wardens, who are all assisting the South West Coast Path Association with this event.

The South West Coast Path is the longest of the country's fifteen National Trails and enables walkers to explore 630 miles of stunning coastline – part of the South West's heritage and identity.

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Ruth, 103, walks the walk for Alzheimer's

A DORCHESTER centenarian is going to walk seven miles to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society in Weymouth.

Ruth Moon, 103, is a resident at Glencairn Care Home in Dorchester, and will tackle the walk on Saturday, February 22nd accompanied by members of her family.

She will walk 3.5 miles along the sea front at Weymouth to Preston where everyone will recharge their batteries at the Cafe Oasis before they walk back again.

Her family say that Ruth has lots of energy, enjoys walking and has wanted to make use of this ability to "do some good".

Though full of life, Ruth is very conscious that her short term memory has gone almost completely, she can get very confused and has lost the ability to read or follow a TV play or drama. The spouses of



■ RUTH Moon, aged 103, prepares to walk seven miles for the charity Alzheimer's Society

two of her four children are being treated for Alzheimer's.

For many years Ruth was a volunteer for Manchester University in their research into the

ageing process and they still keep in touch, her family feeling that it is "very appropriate" for her to do a charity walk to raise money for Alzheimer's Society to

support their fight against dementia. Anyone who would like to support Ruth and Alzheimer's can do so via www.justgiving.com/Ruth-Moon

Tackling mental health

DORSET County Council members and officers have joined the fight to wipe out stigma and discrimination surrounding mental illness.

Councillor John Wilson, chairman of the district council, Councillor Michael Bevan, member champion for mental health, and Catherine Driscoll, director for adult and community services, pledged their support for the national Time to Change campaign at recent ceremony in Dorchester.

The campaign is led by mental health charities Mind and Rethink Mental Illness.

The Dorset County Council is one of the first local authorities in the country to have signed the pledge, and was also the first council to appoint a member champion for mental health.

The ceremony took place at the Dorford Centre and was attended by a host of representatives from local and national organisations.

Andy Bell, deputy chief executive of the Centre for Mental Health, addressed the audience and explained how mental illness can affect every aspect of people's lives. He said that at any one time, one worker in six will be experiencing depression, anxiety or a problem relating to stress, and the cost to the economy is £26 billion each year.

He praised the effort of Dorset County Council, and said the commitment shown would help encourage other local authorities to take up the challenge and reduce the stigma of mental illness.

Councillor Bevan said: "Most of us have trouble coping at times, and mental health problems are common enough that most of us will know somebody who has been affected in some way. We need to raise awareness and tackle any misconceptions or myths that exist."

"We want to encourage people in Dorset to speak out and talk about mental health problems so they can get the support and services they need without fear of judgment."

"The council will continue to invest in a supportive environment that promotes mental wellbeing for both our staff and the public we serve."

For advice on mental health and the services available visit www.dorsetforyou.com/mental-health

Volunteers urged to visit prisoners

AN APPEAL has gone out to find more volunteers to visit prisoners in Dorset police cells.

Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill hopes to find more Independent custody visitors to swell the ranks of the existing 18.

The visitors inspect police cells and check on the welfare of those in detention and are able to make unannounced visits to custody suites across the county.

Three information sessions are being held for those interested in the role on February 28th and Monday, March 3rd and Tuesday, March 4th.

These events will be attended by current custody visitors.

Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill said: "One of my strategic priorities is to ensure high standards of professionalism in Dorset Police."

"That includes the best possible standard of care in the county's custody function. I would like to welcome new members of the public who are keen to help the Force deliver on this aspect of the Police and Crime Plan."

Chairman of the Dorset Custody Visiting Panel, Kathie Emery said: "The job of a custody visitor is essential. This is an extremely important role that checks on the welfare of people who are being held in custody. The visits provide detainees with the opportunity to raise a concern about their detention. The Custody Visitor will then raise the problem with the custody officers and the problem can be solved."

The closing date for applications is Friday, March 21st.

For details of how to apply visit www.dorset.pcc.police.uk where an application can be downloaded or contact Volunteers Manager Yvonne Fenwick on 01305 223433 or email yvonne.fenwick@dorset.pnn.police.uk



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Guide Dogs' co-ordinator Jan Hankin received the cheque from Worthy Primo of the Lodge Peter Pinker (right) on Thursday, February 13th, supported by some of the Brothers of the Lodge who helped to raise the money.

There are 4,600 guide dogs working in the UK with the help of more than 10,000 trained volunteers. For more information on the work of the Buffalos in Bridport, call 01308 424054.

'Radical changes' set to follow Council Tax hike

by Jack Dixon

DORSET county councillors have agreed to a Council Tax increase of almost two per cent, and Leader of the Council, Spencer Flower, has warned there will be 'radical and far-reaching changes' to come.

At a full council meeting held last Thursday, 34 out of 40 councillors voted in favour of a 1.99 per cent rise for 2014/15 – the first increase in council tax for four years.

The increase will bring the council's charge for a band D property to £1,191.51 – an extra £23.22 a year. This will be added to precept charges from other councils, Dorset Police and Dorset Fire Authority to give the total council tax amount.

In his budget speech, Councillor Flower said: "The increase on the county council precept is £23.22 per year for a band D council tax payer, or around 45 pence per week, which is in line with the current low level of inflation. I believe this is a small price to pay to avoid a further £1.8million cut to the base budget.

"It is imperative that we continue to look for efficiency savings in everything we do, and look to make radical and far-reaching changes in service delivery in order to maintain or improve the quality of life for our residents, within an ever reducing budget.

"Later this year we want local people to have their say on the priorities they think the council should concentrate on.

"It is important the council has a good understanding of the services residents value and that are making a real difference to people's lives."

Councillor Flower said that £60million had been saved over the last three years, but another £43million of savings would have to be found by 2017.

The Forward Together change programme has identified £28million of potential savings in adult social care, transport, highways and children's services.

Despite funding constraints, Councillor Flower said it was important to invest in the future, with new IT sys-

tems for adult social care, library and children's services, a joint project with East Dorset District Council to provide a new civic centre, and the continued rollout of superfast broadband all set to receive funding boosts.

He said: "Our investment programme confirms our commitment to the communities of Dorset that we mean to ensure, as best we can, that care is taken to look after present and future generations.

"It is also important that we work closely with all our public service partners in Dorset to make public funds go further, collaborating wherever possible and making the best use of the resources available."

The Council Tax had been frozen for the last three years in exchange for a Government grant, but this latest rise follows an increase of 1.96 per cent in the police precept that West Dorset District Councillor Chris Loder has called "grossly unfair".



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Ai makes surprise return visit to Bridport after 13 years

AI SHINOZUKA last visited Bridport 13 years ago, as a 17-year-old member of the Japanese Exchange Programme.

Last week she was back again for a surprise visit, seeing old friends and revisiting familiar places.

"I remember Bridport so much," said Ai. "Everyone is so friendly. It was my dream to come back here again."

Exchange founder and co-ordinator Arthur Woodgate said: "It was lovely to see Ai again after so many years."

"She enjoyed her stay with us, and her only disappointment was that she didn't get to see the Milky Way again."

"The brightness of the stars and the number on view always fascinates the young people from Tokyo, because they simply don't see them there."

Last summer saw another visit from a former member of the long-established programme, Takako (Taki) Suzuki, who last visited Bridport in 2005.

This time she was on her honeymoon as Takako Endo, sharing memories with her husband Yasuhiro (Yasu).

When asked why she had chosen to visit Bridport as part of

her honeymoon, along with some perhaps more obvious destinations such as Rome, London and Paris, she replied with great enthusiasm: "I really love Bridport. I made a lot of friends here, and I want to introduce my husband to my Bridport friends and take him to the special places I remember like the cliffs at West Bay; so many good memories."

This summer, another group of young people from the area will be visiting Japan for three weeks staying with the partners they hosted themselves last year.

In two years time, the exchange will be celebrating its 20th anniversary. Places are already full for this very special programme.

Mr Woodgate explained: "The current exchange proved so successful, that we had a large number of applications for the next one; this was approximately a year before we normally start recruiting."

"I'm very pleased to say that the leader of our 2015-16 exchange group will be Ben Spicer, another former member who will be following in the footsteps of Andrew 'Tosh' Blake, who led the 2011-12 group, and James

Lathey, leader of the present group.

"A further development," he added, "is the involvement of young people from Lyme Regis."

"The first ever joined the current programme, and this has rather escalated in that four of the seven places for 2015-16 have been taken by Lyme residents. It's good to see."

The Japanese Exchange, an entirely voluntary enterprise, is organised through registered charity BYPAT - Bridport Young Persons Action Trust.

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DREAM COME TRUE | Former Japanese Exchange student Ai Shinozuka who revisited Bridport recently

Dorset charity's £12k boost

A DORSET charity is celebrating after receiving a £12,000 donation from the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Autism Wessex has benefitted from the bank's community grant fund after being nominated by a member of staff and the mother of a child who attends one of the charity's schools.

Formerly known as the Wessex Autistic Society, Autism Wessex was founded in 1968 by parents of children with autism.

The charity provides high quality specialist services for people affected by autism and associated difficulties across Dorset.

The money will help fund the charity's information and advice service, which provides vital support to people affected by autism, as well as their families.

The service, which is also part funded by the Big Lottery Fund, has seen a large increase in demand over the last 12 months with over 1,200 people needing advice.

A spokesman for the Royal Bank of Scotland said: "RBS are delighted to be able to help Autism Wessex; we know that provision of advice and support at an early stage can be the difference between someone coping and not coping."

"RBS Community Grant Fund operates to support charities such as Autism Wessex throughout the UK"

Karen Wilmschurst, advocacy services manager, said: "We are

very grateful to RBS (Royal Bank of Scotland) for this substantial support. This donation comes at a crucial time for the delivery of the service."

Although we have part-funding from the Big Lottery we still need to raise over £50,000 each year through donations and the community to ensure we can continue to help the people who really need our support."

"Support requests can cover a wide range of issues including diagnosis, education, housing, health and benefits."

"Many families struggle caring for a family member with autism and we are here to support them with signposting, information, training and benefits advice."

For more information on the charity, or to donate, visit www.autismwessex.org.uk.

'Operation Maple' to return for World Cup

A SUCCESSFUL police operation to tackle domestic abuse over Christmas and will be repeated during this summer's football World Cup and again over the festive period. A total of 105 high-risk victims of domestic violence were identified in Dorset as requiring home visits under Operation Maple, which ran throughout December 2013.

During the Christmas and New Year period Dorset Police reported a decrease in domestic abuse incidents of five per cent compared to the same time the previous year. A total of 73 victims were visited and spoken to, while a further 29 people were visited and were either not seen or did not reply. Three were not visited, and no arrests were made.

Inspector Steve Thorpe, of Dorset Police, said: "The majority of people we spoke to in person were supportive of what we were trying to achieve and were grateful for our visit. We also collected a good deal of information and received reports of further crimes."

"Dorset Police has seen a rise in the number of reported cases of domestic abuse in recent years and I believe this is largely due to victims willing to report it to the police and take action against the perpetrator."

"We have taken a number of steps to help support victims in reporting these crimes and we work in close partnership with other support agencies. We have a dedicated team of specially trained and experienced officers and police staff to respond to and investigate domestic abuse and to provide the best possible support and protection to victims and their families. I would urge anyone suffering domestic abuse to come forward and report it so that action can be taken to keep them safe."

"It is our intention that Operation Maple visits will be carried out during the FIFA World Cup in June and July and again over the Christmas and New Year period."

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Confusion over Electric Palace closure threat

A LICENSING issue at one of Bridport's premier arts and entertainment venues, which some staff had feared could lead to its closure, may not pose as big a threat as first thought.

The Electric Palace has applied to West Dorset District Council for a variation on its existing licence, to enable it to put on smaller functions in the venue's foyer area up until 11pm.

There was some concern that, should the application be rejected, loss of income from the foyer bar would force the venue to close.

But a representative from South Street Residents Association pointed out that the foyer bar is already licensed for alcohol consumption, and now the Palace has confirmed there will be no threat to income from the bar regardless of the outcome of the licence application.

A spokesperson said: "There seems to be some confusion in people's minds. The foyer cannot currently be used for any licensable activities – screening films and playing recorded music, for instance.

"We want to use that area for all kinds of activities, many of which are of benefit to the community.

"The variation on the licence would enable us to put on smaller events in the foyer – otherwise we can only put on grand-scale events in the main auditorium."

The 500 capacity centre was reopened as a multi-purpose live venue in 2008, and has welcomed artists including PJ Harvey and The Proclaimers in recent years, as well as high-profile comedians such as Lee Mack and Lenny Henry.

The Palace spokesperson added: "We want to be clear that we are not intending to turn the foyer into a nightclub and our main concern is that people are not worried there will

by Jack Dixon

be a noise issue.

"There is no threat of closure, but the decision will have an impact on what sort of

things we can put on.

"I cannot think of a reason why the licence should not be granted – it is nothing to do with noise or nightclubs."

Venue owner Peter Hitchin said: "We have no intention of having a nightclub in the

foyer.

"We do plan to have music in the foyer occasionally but it will always stop at 11pm as we have stated in the licence extension.

"Some things that we put on are too small to put in the auditorium – poetry events or

speakers sometimes attract less than 50 people and are ideal for the foyer bar – it is for these that we need to extend the licence."

Anyone wishing to oppose the licence can email or write to West Dorset District Council by Tuesday, February 25th.

Dorset HealthCare announce new chairman Ann Abraham

THE new chairman of Dorset HealthCare has said she is 'looking forward enormously' to the role, after she was formally appointed this week.

Ann Abraham, from Gaunt's Common near Wimborne, will begin her new role on April 7th, replacing current interim chairman Sir David Henshaw at the Trust.

Prior to her appointment, Ann held the position of Parliamentary Ombudsman for the UK and Health Service Ombudsman for England. During her tenure she published a number of high profile reports identifying failings in NHS care of older people and people with learning disabilities.

Mrs Abraham said: "I am looking forward enormously to working for such a multi-faceted NHS Trust. My aim is to work with governors, board colleagues, staff, patients, carers and partner organisations to deliver safe, effective, person-centred care of the

highest possible quality in Dorset and beyond."

Her earlier career was spent in local government and the Housing Corporation, where she served on the UK Committee on Standards in Public Life.

She is also a Trustee of the Picker Institute Europe, a not-for-profit organisation that works with patients, professionals and policymakers to make patients' views count in healthcare.

Patricia Scott, Lead Governor of the Trust's Council of Governors, the body which made the appointment, said: "Ann impressed us all with her obvious passion for healthcare and her desire to bring about continuous service innovation.

"With her experience and board level input we are confident that the people of Dorset will benefit from patient care of the highest standard."

Dorset HealthCare is an NHS Trust,

which provides community health services and some primary care services as well as mental health, learning disability and addiction support.



Flags to be raised for Commonwealth Day

WEST Dorset District Council will join 500 local authorities, community groups and charities throughout the British Isles in a flag-raising ceremony to mark Commonwealth Day.

The ceremony will take place on Monday, March 10th at 10am outside the council offices at South Walks House in Dorchester, hosted by West Dorset District Council chairman Gillian Summers.

Councillor Summers said: "This is a great opportunity for West Dorset District Council to raise a flag for the first Commonwealth Day at our new building, South Walks House."

Across the country, flags will be raised at areas of special significance and national charity teams will mark the day by taking flags to the top of the UK's four highest peaks – Scafell Pike, Ben Nevis, Mount Snowdon and Slieve Donard – to raise money for their respective causes.

Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster and originator of the 'Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth' project, said: "This will be the largest, single raising of the Commonwealth Flag in the history of the Commonwealth.

"The success of this year's event bodes well for 2015 and the future as we extend the invitation to participate and involve all 53 countries of the Commonwealth, to make this the largest ever annual occasion involving communities throughout the worldwide Commonwealth family."

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The light and airy shop offers a warm welcome and a light-hearted yet professional approach. Items are buy, sell or part exchange and keep an eye on the website for offers.



Weymouth's newest auction house, **BREWERS QUAY AUCTION HOUSE** has an exciting mixture of lots coming up in the next auction, Saturday 1st March.

Featured in the pictures are a Sevres Style French Ormolu Mantle Clock, a Guy Sydenham Vase, a selection of African Tribal Art and a German Parlour Gun.

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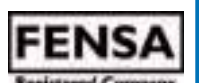
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Bridport news briefs...

Bicycle thefts

TWO bicycles have been stolen from the vicinity of Clarence House at West Bay.

One was left insecure in the rear communal garden and the other had been secured to the stairs within the hallway.

The cycle taken from the garden has a black frame and different wheels front and back; the cycle left indoors was an Apollo.

The first cycle missing between 2pm on Tuesday, February 4th and 8am on Wednesday, February 5th; the latter was taken overnight on Sunday, February 9th and discovered stolen by 8.30am on Monday, February 10th.

Those with any information should call 101 and quote crime C:14:D: 005670 or C:14:D:005669 for the Apollo cycle.

Garage break-in

A GARAGE was broken into and a compressor stolen, in the Knightstone Rise area of Bridport on Saturday, February 15th (Crime number 6458).

In the early hours of the morning on Monday, February 17th, there were two attempted shed breaks in the Alexandra Road area of Bridport (Crime number 6361). Call 101 if you can help the police.

TOMORROW night's speaker at the Bridport & District Gardening Club meeting will be Derek Luthel, after the original speaker had to cancel due to ill health.

Mr Luthel will be giving a lecture on fuchsias from 7.30 pm on February 20th in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport.

Visitors are always welcome to the monthly meetings. A reminder to members that the AGM of the Gardening Club is on March 20th at the same venue.

AmSafe seals £10.5m contract with the French

A BRIDPORT company has been awarded a major contract to design and supply a multi-purpose helicopter transport system for the French armed forces.

AmSafe Bridport sealed the £10.5million contract to supply more than 250 sets of equipment over a period of seven years.

The specialist lifting equipment enables helicopters to transport a range of cargo loads and includes AmSafe's unique remote-controlled pendent and hook system, which allows loads to be dropped without the need for ground crew.

Ian Kentfield, president of AmSafe Bridport, said: "This significant defence systems contract demonstrates the success of the company's strategy to focus on key market niches where it has developed a thorough understanding of customer needs and is able to harness its innovative skills and unique capabilities to provide world class solutions for global aerospace and defence markets."

The equipment will be used on a wide range of French helicopters including NH-90, Puma, Super Puma, Cougar and Caracal.

Neal McKeever, Sales and Marketing

Director at AmSafe Bridport, said: "This contract win further strengthens AmSafe's Bridport's position as the world-leading provider of helicopter cargo transportation systems. Our unique and effective products have been developed by working closely with the world's armed forces to understand their needs and engineer solutions that provide significant benefits."

At its Bridport facility, the company also designs and manufactures RPG protection systems for use by the military.

■ Bridport firm AmSafe have clinched a multi-million pound contract to provide helicopter equipment to the French armed forces



WWI remembered

ON AIR | Radio presenter Philip Ringer is looking for people to contribute their wartime stories to Bridport FM's new series 'Lest We Forget'

BRIDPORT FM, Bridport Arts Centre's community radio station, will be running a week of programmes to commemorate the centenary of the start of the World War I.

'Lest We Forget', to be presented by Philip Ringer, is part of the station's Heritage Lottery-funded radio project and will include wartime music and poetry, as well as extracts from letters and diaries.

The programme is now in the planning stages and is looking for studio guests who would like to tell their stories.

Mr Ringer said: "We are keen to talk to anyone with a story to tell about any aspect of

the First World War. The programme has a very broad remit and we want to present a wide range of experience from lots of different people, to create a vivid picture for our listeners."

Bridport FM will be on air from September 15th - 21st and 'Lest We Forget' will be broadcast at 7pm, Monday to Friday, during the week.

To get involved with the programme, contact Philip by email on philipringer@aol.com or Kate Wilson at Bridport Arts Centre (01308 427183).

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The service says people should:

- Test the smoke alarm by pushing the button on the first of every month;
- Check to see if the smoke alarm is still up to date;
- Make sure there is at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home;
- Fit smoke alarms on landings and hallways and in

rooms which have an electrical appliance, for example a heater, or other risk.

Kate Huelin, Prevention Manager said: "At this time of year, many people will be thinking of what they can do – big or small – to make a fresh start and improve their lives, homes and wellbeing.

"A smoke alarm can offer vital protection for you and your loved ones, but most people simply fit and forget – they

don't know if it might be coming to the end of its lifespan or not working at all.

For most of us, there is nothing more important than keeping our loved ones safe and secure. So if your alarm is getting past its best or your top floor is missing an alarm of its own, make your New Year's resolution to fit new ones, test them on the first of every month and protect your loved ones in 2014."

Search is on for Dorset's best village shop

A NEW category has been added to this year's Dorset's Best Village competition – that of Best Village Shop.

That section of the countywide contest has been sponsored by the county branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, which is based at the Little Keep, off Bridport Road, Dorchester.

Communities across the county are being asked to nominate the business which serves them best.

Overall organisers of the Best Village Competition, is another Dorchester-based organisation, Dorset Community Action which has run the annual competition for

the past 27 years.

Entries are welcome from parish councils and parish meetings, village hall committees and any other active community group.

Last year, 55 villages took part in the competition.

Magna Housing, another Dorchester-based organisation, has been the major sponsor for the competition since 2010 and has renewed its support this year.

In addition to the Best Village competition, "The People's Project" category – the village judged to have entered the best project involving local active people – con-

tinues and "Environmental Champions" – the village judged to be doing the most "Green" initiatives – has been enhanced to inspire and recognise villages working to reduce their impact on the environment at home, and in community buildings.

The deadline for entries is 5pm on Monday, April 7th, apart from the Environmental Champions Award where entrants have to register an interest in taking part by April 7th, with a final entry date of August 22nd.

Entry details can be found at: www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk/dorsets_best_village.

Help for county's weather battered road network

WORK on a string of highways construction schemes is being suspended to free up resources for Dorset's weather-ravaged roads.

County council crews are being redeployed to help tackle road repairs, blocked ditches and drainage problems caused by the current torrential downpours and strong winds.

The county's road network has suffered extensive damage since Christmas, which is likely to cost millions of pounds to put right, and there could be more bad weather before the end of the winter.

While the council is lobbying for extra Government money to help with the repair bill, its immediate priority is to keep roads open and safe to use.

Andrew Martin, Dorset County Council's head of highways operations, said: "The current weather has made it very difficult to carry out some of our construction projects cost effectively and, more importantly, safely. So we have decided to temporarily close down a number of schemes and divert resources to help the emergency response effort.

"More people will be available to tackle pothole repairs, clear out ditches and gullies, move fallen trees and ensure drainage systems are working properly. Even if the rain stops soon, we will have still have a sizeable backlog of issues to sort out, so it makes sense to suspend or delay these construction schemes for a

couple of weeks. We will assess progress next week, but our top priority is to keep roads clear and safe to use."

Unprecedented demand means the council has spent more than £700,000 on tackling weather-related highways problems since Christmas Eve. The long-term cost of repairs to the network is likely to be around £7 million, and the council will be pressing for its share of any emergency funds made available by the Government.

Information signs will be displayed at construction sites where work is suspended or delayed. Members of the public with any questions can contact 01305 221020 for further information.

Councillor Hilary Cox, the council's Cabinet member for environment, said: "Our highways teams are putting all their efforts into ensuring that our residents suffer as little as possible from storm-damaged roads, and making it safe for people to travel. We will worry about fully restoring them after the crisis has passed, when we will be applying to the Government for any support available.

"I would like to thank our tireless highways teams, who are continuing to work very hard in truly awful conditions."

The construction projects suspended over the next couple of weeks include: Portland Beach Road, Weymouth and Bradpole Cycleway, Bridport.



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Saturday 22nd Feb

Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
Real World
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Thick As Thieves 9.30pm

Sunday 23rd Feb

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
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Friday 28th Feb

Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
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Saturday 1st March

Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
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Howling at the Moon 18+

Sunday 2nd March

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
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Thursday 6th March

Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
Phil Beer Doors 7.45pm.
£15 adv/£16.50 door

Saturday 8th March

Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
Tom McConville
Doors 7.45pm. £8 adv/ £10 door

STOMPIN' DAVE & OZ REFORM

The duo are set to play at The Sunray Folk Club

STOMPIN' Dave reunites with his old stompin' partner Oz for their first public appearance in their home county of Dorset for eight years. They will be at The Sunray Folk Club on Thursday, February 27th. From 1997 until 2006 Dave and Oz developed a cult following for their unique brand of folk and roots music, as duo Doctor Stomp and Professor Oz. They performed together at many festivals and events across the west country and beyond including several appearances at Glastonbury Festival. Recently Dave and Oz have begun doing occasional performances together again to great effect.

Described as "One of the world's greatest performers" by Maverick Magazine Bridport based Dave plays American roots music including old-time, bluegrass, blues, vintage country, folk, etc. He has been invited to perform at both The

Boogaloo Blues Festival on the Isle of Wight and The Great Dorset Steam Fair for over five years in succession. In recent years Dave has been regularly performing in art centres and theatres sometimes alongside touring musicians from the USA including W.C. Handy award winner Guy Davis, and International Bluegrass Achievement award winner Alice Gerrard, as well as many others.

2013 was quite a year for Stompin' Dave with festival appearances across the UK including Bestival, Towersey Folk Festival, The Cornish Folk Festival and National Banjo Day in London, as well as appearing at The Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Dave also regained his Friends Of Old-time Music and Dance (the UK's old-time music society) old-time banjo competition title. So don't miss Dave's first gig in the local area with his old friend Oz. Oz the perfect foil to Dave's exuberance adds guitar, fiddle, and dobro to Dave's singing, banjo, guitar, fiddle and flatfoot dancing. They will be at Broadmayne Village Hall, on Thursday, February 27th. Admission is £7 but an additional £1 club membership to The Sunray



DOCTOR STOMP & PROFESSOR OZ
The duo reform for a special gig in Broadmayne

Folk Club is required. Call Bob Kirkpatrick on 07786 654074 for more information. Doors open at 7.30pm, the music starts at 8pm.

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CHARITY GIG IN PORTESHAM

REVELLERS will be grabbing their partners for a night of Western song and dance in Weymouth next month.

Popular Bridport-based band No Country 4 Old Men are playing a special charity gig for adults with learning disabilities at the Centenary Club on Saturday March 1st.

The event, in aid of the Joseph Weld Trust, has been organised in memory of local woman, Andrea Macleod, who recently lost a long and brave battle with cancer.

Event organiser Mel Symes said: "Andrea endured a long and painful battle and sadly passed away just before Christmas.

"She was a friend to many and a huge fan of live music. We wanted to do something in Andrea's memory and a country and western night was perfect because it's just the sort of thing she would have enjoyed.

"During her illness, Andrea received great care and support from the Joseph Weld Trust in Dorchester and so we have decided to donate all the proceeds from the evening to them - something she would have been really pleased about."

Tickets for the event are priced at just £10 which includes a buffet. There will also be a prize raffle.

"It should be a fabulous night", added Mel, "and it would great to see a big crowd on the night. People are encouraged to wear western-style fancy dress but it is not compulsory.

"Can I also say a big thanks to No Country 4 Old Men, the Centenary Club and caterer, Paul Dixon, who have all helped tremendously in the organising of the event."

For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact 07542545281.



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Hip Hop Festival at the Electric

THE Electric Palace will present live performances from some of hip-hop's most promising and renowned artists/DJs in the UK on Saturday, March 15th.

The inaugural Hip Hop Festival has been designed to educate and entertain with workshops and performances featuring some of the brightest and active people in the music industry and Hip Hop culture.

Rapper, poet, artist, London-based Dizraeli is receiving critical acclaim for his lyrical content and instrumentation that is the best in the UK hip hop market at the moment. Their music is still underground but almost certainly for not much longer. This is an amazing opportunity not only to see Dizraeli & DownLow perform but also to learn the art of rhyming from the best.

Dizraeli & DownLow are fresh from the release of 'Everyone's A Winner - The Mixtape'. The pair have been making a huge impact in the past 12 months, sharing stages in the UK and France with legends like The Pharcyde, Mos Def, Foreign Beggars, Beadyman and DJ Format, and constructing a live hip-hop show unlike anything you've seen before.

Dizraeli & DownLow have long done hip-hop PA shows as a side-project to their band the Small Gods, but 2013 has seen them step it up to a brand new level - starting with a show opening for the Foreign Beggars to 3,000 people in Paris and shows at Koko, The Clapham Grand and Shepherds' Bush Empire in London as well as tearing up BoomTown Festival and Shambala Festival over the

summer.

Local people interested in learning about the art of Hip Hop have an amazing opportunity to be taught by some of the best in a 'Rhyme & Reason' workshop lead by Dizraeli & DownLow themselves. The workshop, priced at only £5, will focus on a brief introduction into the art of rhyming, how to write your raps and how to create your lyrical flow. This workshop is aimed at all ages and experience. Afterwards workshop participants can see their heroes on stage to give a showcase performance that evening.

The Rhyme & Reason Workshops take place at 3pm, with tickets costing £5 (plus booking fee) in advance from seetickets.com or from Lewis Ahmet (lewis.ahmet@hotmail.co.uk). Dizraeli and DownLow perform at 9pm, tickets cost £18 plus booking fee in advance from seetickets.com.

Age limit: 18+ or 16+ if accompanied by a parent or attended the workshop.

More information about this special musical event can be found at www.electricpalace.org.uk



Dizraeli and DownLow

Confessions of a Butterfly

The heroic story of a pioneer of children's rights

A MOVING drama about the visionary Polish educator who's work in founding an orphanage movement later became the inspiration for the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is being performed at the Thomas Hardy School on Thursday, February 27th at 7.30pm.

Confessions of a Butterfly, written and performed by Jonathan Salt, tells the story of the renowned Polish Jewish educator, physician and writer Janusz Korczak and his heroic work to save hundreds of children in his care from their ultimate fate under Nazi rule.

In this poignant drama, we spend the last hours in his company in his room in the ghetto orphanage. Surrounded by his children, he deals with their hopes and fears, and laughter and tears, as he contemplates his life and prepares to meet his destiny.

'Confessions of a Butterfly' is part of the Thomas Hardy School Holocaust Memorial Week commemorations where students will be taking part in drama, art and music activities, as well as hearing testimonies from those who survived the Rwandan genocide.

Tickets £10 / £8 / £5 / £30 family, are available from Dorchester Arts Centre on 01305 266926 or Tourist Information Office 01305 267992 or online from www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

Bridport Youth Dance present Rewind 10x a celebration of 10 years of BYD productions

REWIND 10x is a collaborative production by Nikki Northover with additional choreography by Aimee Symes, Matt Flint, Carrie Willis, Niki McCretton and Anna Golding with musical compositions by Andrew Dickson, Matt Benjamin and Robert Lee.

Tap and contemporary dance will be performed by students from Bridport Youth Dance in a night of dynamic dance. Rewind 10x will also be featuring Bridport Boys Dance, members of Tapistry and former Bridport Youth Dance students Tessa Bide and Rebecca Whaley.

Performances of Rewind 10x take place

on Friday, February 28th at 7.30pm, and Saturday, March 1st at 3pm and 7.30pm, at Bridport Arts Centre

Tickets: Adults £10, Children and students £8, available from BAC box office, with some earlybird tickets available for concessions at £5. To book call BAC box office on 01308 424204

Rewind 10x is supported by West Dorset District Council, Bridport Town Council, Bridport Arts Centre, The Bull Hotel, Bridport Lions Club and The Rex Trevett Appeal Fund. For more details visit www.bridportyouthdance.org.uk

'See-Play-Do' returns to the Marine Theatre with the *The Girl and The Shoes*

BUILDING on its reputation for bringing the best family theatre from across the UK to our doors, the Marine Theatre's See-Play-Do scheme encourages creativity in young people through fantastic theatre for all ages, as well as the opportunity for interactive workshops and 'stay and play' fun.

This new enchanting fairytale, 'The Girl and The Shoes' (coming to the Marine Theatre on Sunday 23rd February 2014 at 3pm) transports the audience from rural France to vibrant Paris with a world of glamour and beautiful shoes.

Drawing on timeless classics such as The Wizard of Oz and Cinderella, The Girl and The Shoes is a contemporary piece of interactive storytelling for families. Combining visual arts with use of the French language, this is a unique show that will

capture imaginations, telling a story of love, courage and understanding.

If that wasn't enough, Valise Noire (the production's creators) is offering a bespoke and FREE workshop after the performance based on 'The Girl and The Shoes' for all audience members. So bring along a pair of your favourite shoes and get involved!

Founded in 2011, Valise Noire specialise in bringing the magical combination of performance and visual art together, creating new and innovative productions for all the family.

'The Girl and The Shoes' is showing at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Sunday 23rd February 2014 at 3.00pm.

Tickets: £5.00 (from Tourist Information Centre on 01297 442138 or via www.marinetheatre.com).

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Dave Heath – The Celtic
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Three Centuries of Music!

YOU can enjoy a tremendous range of musical styles at the Bridport Chamber Orchestra's concert on March 2nd, ranging from Telemann's light-hearted 18th century Don Quixote Suite to Dave Heath's 20th century The Celtic, with a distinctly Scottish character. The performance also includes classical and romantic works by Mozart, Beethoven and Nielsen, so the programme is full of variety and interest.

Alexandra Ennis is the solo violinist for The Celtic; her experience in playing in a ceilidh band is put to full use in this modern folk piece. Alex also leads several local orchestras including the Axe Vale and Somerset County. The concert is at 3 pm in St Swithun's Church, Bridport, followed by teas. Tickets at £8 are available on the door, students free entry.

The Bridport Chamber Orchestra welcomes new players, of Grade VI and above, especially upper strings. If you are interested, please contact Caroline on 01935 824786, or Rosalind on 01279 444476.



Soloist Alex Ennis

The Tolpuddle Martyrs' Story Brought to Life in Bridport and Dorchester

TRAVEL back to Dorset, 1834 when Townsend Productions tell The Tolpuddle Martyrs Story.

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Mary tells the story of his transportation to Australia, how the women left at home survived with little or no money, and how they worked together, against the odds, to bring the men back to England.

The inspirational story of their determination, solidarity and courage is told using entertaining theatrical style, political cartoon, puppetry.

With music developed by folk legend John Kirkpatrick and plenty of opportunities for laugh out loud participation, it will be a rousing evening of entertainment for all.

Originally commissioned for the Tolpuddle Festival, the show went straight to Edinburgh and has been touring ever since.

We Will Be Free will be performed at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, February 21st at 7.30pm. Tickets: £10/ £8 Members and Concessions/ 20 x £3 concessions for people in receipt of benefits. Book at Bridport Arts Centre box office 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com



We Will Be Free will also be performed at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Saturday, March 1st at 8pm. The Corn Exchange doors and bar open from 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £10 (£8 for Dorchester Arts members and concessions) and are available from www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.

THE GREAT DINOSAUR HALF TERM HUNT

VISIT the Dinosaur Museum in Dorchester any day over the holiday period for the Great Dinosaur Half Term Hunt. Starting on Saturday 15th February and ending on Sunday 23rd February the Great Dinosaur Hunt is on all day every day from 10am to 4pm. The Dinosaur Hunt spreads throughout the whole museum and encourages children to explore and search out the answers to the clues of the dinosaur mystery. The Dinosaur Museum's exciting mix of fossils, skeletons, and life-size dinosaur reconstructions combined with hands on, interactive and video displays make it the perfect place for this event

"The Great Dinosaur Hunt is fun for kids with special dinosaur explorer sheets to help them unravel the puzzle. All those children who correctly crack the code and solve the dinosaur mystery win a special dinosaur hunter's certificate and sticker. The Dinosaur Museum is a great place for the family whatever the weather," said Tim Batty, the Museum's curator.

"There are plenty of things to see and do at this family attraction. Life-size reconstructions of dinosaurs. Including Deinonychus, Stegosaurus, a young T rex and of course Triceratops outside beg to be touched. In addition to this there are skeletons of

Megalosaurus, Hypsilophodon, and Ichthyosaurus amongst others, skulls of Allosaurus, Camptosaurus and Iguanodon, and a variety of fossils. Then there are hands on and interactive displays to absorb and amuse children."

The Dinosaur Museum is situated in the centre of Dorchester the historic county town of Dorset. It is open daily from 10am to 4pm. The Great Dinosaur Half Term Hunt starts on Saturday 15th February and ends on Sunday 22nd February. For further information telephone 01305 269880 or visit www.thedinosaurmuseum.com



Win a cooking demo and lunch with Mark Hix

HIX Oyster & Fish House are offering 2 lucky readers the chance to wash away those Winter blues and enjoy a day at his Charmouth home watching the Dorset chef prepare and cook a 4 course feast right in front of your eyes. After a Hix Fix cocktail on arrival to the little white lodge, enjoy stunning views of Charmouth beach whilst tucking in to 4 courses with wine as they are prepared.

To enter simply answer this question –

What is the name of the Food Festival that Mark Hix arranged in Lyme Regis in September 2013?

Send entries by Wednesday, February 26th to Alice@hixfoodetc.co.uk

The demo and lunch with Mark Hix will take place on Monday, March 3rd, from 11.30am-2.30pm. No cash alternative or alternative date available.

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Appetite

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Crispy Falafel with sweet chilli sauce

Talking about street foods, health, simplicity and doing only one thing well, here's our falafel recipe. Served crispy with a boundless choice of salads, pitta bread (surely even available at the local garage now!), and tangy sweet chilli sauce it's a sure fire deliciousness. The best falafel is made from chick peas soaked overnight and boiled for only 5 minutes so still a little al dente. This takes a little effort, so tinned are a close second, best to rinse really well though, and then dry thoroughly for best results.



CRISPY FALAFEL

Serves four comfortably

Ingredients;

400gm Cooked chick peas • 2 Cloves garlic, peeled and finely chopped
Half a large onion, finely diced • Fine zest and juice of one small lemon
1 Heaped teaspoon each of ground cumin, coriander and fennel.
Quarter teaspoon sea salt and ground black pepper
3 Dessert spoons panko breadcrumbs (ordinary breadcrumbs will do)
1 Dessert spoon plain flour

Method

Simply blend all the above ingredients together in a food processor. It is good to leave a bit of texture in the chick peas, IE so not a perfect smooth paste.
It is best to leave the mix in the fridge to "settle" for an hour, this helps it to bind and cook evenly.
Form into firm little patties approx 2cm in Diameter, pan fry in olive oil on a medium heat for two minutes on each side or until golden and crisp.

SWEET CHILLI SAUCE

This make plenty, the sauce will keep for a good few weeks in the fridge

Ingredients;

1 Small onion, peeled and diced
400gm chopped fresh tomatoes/ 1 tin chopped tomatoes
1 Dessert spoon tomato puree
2 Medium red chillies, seeded and chopped
3 Cloves garlic, peeled and fine chopped
1cm Fresh ginger, peeled and fine chopped
50 ml Pineapple juice • 30 ml Cider vinegar
50gm Caster sugar • 2 Star anisee
Quarter teaspoon sea salt • Juice of one lime

Method

Place all the ingredients apart from the lime juice in a medium sized saucepan, bring to the boil and simmer gently for 1 hour and fifteen minutes, or until the sauce has reduced by a quarter and thickened. Remove the star anisee, and add the lime juice and blend to a smooth sauce, cool and reserve for use.

Food trends of 2014

with Tierra Kitchen's award-winning chef Mark Evans

IT is interesting as a relative newcomer to the area to witness the rapid changes taking place in our food scene. That's not to say thousands of us are giving up a Sunday roast and opting instead for a raw food Sunday with fifteen uncooked vegetables with cashew nut cheese! However, tastes and demands are constantly on the move. It seems there are three huge new growth areas; New style, highly flavoured "street foods". Pastry and higher quality coffee and retro sweet things. Healthy foods, this being raw, gluten free, sugar free rather than 70s and 80s whole-food veggie. In addition local sourcing and foods of high provenance and sustainability are areas of continual growth.

Street food is an exciting area which presents good quality. Specialist stores are no longer only at Burrough or Brixton markets, we now find quality curries in Axminster market, locally produced halloumi in Bridport's farmers market, or specialist roast pork rolls in Lyme Regis. The great thing for us consumers is that these producers do only one dish, but consequently nail the quality. I believe we will see many more street foods around Lyme Bay in 2014, particularly multi ethnic fusion foods with high flavours. Bristol is experiencing "falafel wars" at present, with almost a gold rush mentality to grab shop and market space.

The Great British Bake Off seems to be fuelling a mini revolution in

quality cakes and pastries. Retro 1930s style cakes and twists on old classics are all the rage. Old world style sweet shops are making a comeback with jars of peardrops and bonbons reappearing, and all the time an insatiable appetite for better quality coffee. In Lyme Regis the new wave coffee house Amid Giants and Idols takes coffee to another level. The Town Mill Bakery provides great coffee and pastry, an example of doing one thing incredibly well.

My food developer buddy tells me that raw food has been the big growth area for the last few years and continues to be so. Restaurant's like "Saf" in London, and the ever popular Ottelengi are testament to this. Raw food dishes are popping up on restaurant menus, together with a big growth in demand for gluten free options. Dorset already has the "Rawfood retreat" near Sherbourne. Pretty much all cafés and restaurant's offer gluten free bread and menu options. It's probably only a matter of time before we see a specialist gluten free food outlet in the area.

Driving these three areas is the ever present desire for locally sourced produce, and wow this area thrives on it. From the fruits of the coastline to some of the best dairy in the UK, beyond the River Cottage to some excellent new wineries. If one had to choose an area to start a food business this area would be right up there.



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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19TH

BEER: Jurassic Folk & Acoustic monthly Come All Ye, The Dolphin Hotel, Beer, 7.30pm. Free admission and everybody welcome. More info 01297 20064 or www.eastdevonfolk.org

LYME REGIS: Children's Sewing and Crochet Workshops at Woodmead Halls 10am-1pm. We will be having fun with fabrics & felt, and learning to crochet. Finger puppets, hearts, birds, pirates, mobile phone covers etc etc. Age 6-16. £15 per session (parents may choose to stay and join in free of charge). DBS checked, Fully Insured and First Aider present. Contact Keren Sansom on 01297 35906 / 07815 441115

LYME REGIS: Action medical research for children are holding an Antiques Valuation Day by Duke's Auctioneers, 10.30 am to 1pm, at Alexandra Hotel. Valuations available in silver, jewellery, paintings, collectables, clocks and watches and a general valued. Valuations £2 per item .stalls and refreshments available.

BRIDPORT: B Sharp invite - come along at 1.45pm for a short performance at 2pm at the WI Hall, North Street, DT6 3JQ. Everyone welcome. Come and see the amazing John K Miles at work with a small group of young leaders, musicians and vocalists from Bridport, Beaminster and Lyme Regis. 100 seats only, first come first serve or reserve with franwilliams@bsharp.uk.com

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

DORCHESTER: South Dorset R.S.P.B. Group. Philip Murgidge will talk about the many different species of birds in Bulgaria. Some more unusual ones than we see in Europe, Philip is a well known Wildlife Photographer. At St. George's Church Hall Fordington, Dorchester. The meetings are held at 7.45pm. Admission Group Members £3.00, Visitors £3.50 to include Coffee and Biscuit.

CHIDEOCK: Bingo at the village hall. Eyes down 7.30pm.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21ST

WEYMOUTH: Monthly meeting Weymouth & Portland U3A. Speaker David Snelling: 'Operation Henry - the sequel'. At St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road (DT3 5EW). From 10am. Organised by Weymouth & Portland U3A.

BROADMAYNE: Market 2-3.30pm, St Martin's Community Hall, (Next to the Church), Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Craft, Plants, Bric-a-brac, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Pork, Sausages and Eggs, Local Watercress, Plants from a local Nursery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

BRIDPORT: Gwyneth's Coffee Mroning in aid of Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and Cancer Research UK. 10am-12noon at Bridport United Church Hall. Stalls includes cakes, bric-a-brac, tombola, raffle, new 2 you, books etc.

COLYFORD: 'When Peggy Met Ella' with Sarah Moule and Shireen Francis at the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Bar and refreshments are available. Tickets are £8

Kids eat for free on Sundays at River Cottage Canteen Axminster

THE team at River Cottage Canteen & Deli in Axminster are launching a new Sunday family roast menu and to celebrate for a limited time are offering free roasts for kids!

The new Sunday roast menu, showcases the finest seasonal ingredients. Designed by the Canteens new head



chef Scott Dixon, the menu is built around classic roasts such as Gatcombe farm loin of pork and eight hour Higher Hacknell roast lamb served with sharing bowls of fresh local vegetables. To finish - the chef has put a River Cottage twist on the traditional home cooked dessert, creating two scrumptious puddings which can be shared at the table by the whole family.

Local Chard based singer Stevie Brown will be providing fabulous live music to entertain guests, and, to top it all, for every adult, one child eats for free*.

Early booking is recommended, to book call 01297 631715 or book online at www.rivercottage.net/axminster

* For each adult in your party ordering a roast or main course from our a la carte menu, a child under 12 gets a half portion roast for free. Subject to availability, cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or promotion. Kids go free offer is available every Sunday up to and including Sunday, March 23rd.

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Are Gas and Electricity Bills Too High?
Is a 'Price Freeze' Right or Wrong?
Should Wind and Solar Power Be Subsidised?
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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23RD

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BRIDPORT: Biodanza at Othona. 7.15 for 7.30pm. Monthly drop-in class (2nd and 4th Monday each month). Cost £7 (Concessions available - just ask) Free for Biodanza newbies! For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit www.biodanza-bridport.co.uk
WEYMOUTH: Weymouth Classical Recorded Music Society - Charmain Jones gives a programme devoted to Flute and Friends at the Acorns, Grosvenor Road, from 7.30pm. Further details: Tel 01305 779787
BRIDPORT: Durlston National Nature Reserve! Talk by Simon Breeze Conservation Ranger At Durlston Country Park In Swanage. At Unite Church Hall, East Street from 2.30pm. Non-members welcome. Admission £3. Includes tea or coffee and biscuits. For further information 01308 863577

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. The AGM will be held at the Lyme Regis Football Club at 2pm - please note change of venue. All members are encouraged to attend and all input is welcome. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.
BEAMINSTER: Beaminster Camera Club. Competition-Prints. Open - 2 entries; Special Subject - 2 entries - 'Metalwork'. At Beaminster Sports Pavilion at 7.30pm.
LYME REGIS: Organic food is a great idea but are there any downsides? Organic farmer, Will Best of Manor Farm in Godmanstone will try to provide all the answers in his talk "A balanced View of Organic Farming" at Woodmead Hall at 2.30pm. Organised by The Lyme Regis Society, entry costs £1.50 including refreshments and everyone is welcome.
BEAMINSTER: 'NOT Losing the Thread: the Museum's Flax & Hemp Project'. Talk by Dr Arnold Shipp, Project leader Beaminster Museum Whitcombe Rd, DT8 3BN. 2.30pm Admission £2.50. All welcome. For further information 01308 863577
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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26TH

UPLYME: Talk: 'The Winter Garden' by John Horsey at Uplyme Village Hall, from 7.30pm. Organised by Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society. Members free, non-members £3. For more details call 01297 444034 or visit www.ulrhs.wordpress.com

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

CHIDEOCK: Whist at the village hall, from 7.30pm.
BEAMINSTER: Fr. Leonard Hollands will be speaking about Celtic Orthodox Spirituality at the next meeting of the One World Forum at 7.30pm in St John's RC Church, Shortmoor, DT8 3EL. Fr Leonard is a local artist with a special interest in ornithology and has had a career which included architecture as well as surveying. Entry £4 includes refreshments.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club, John and Di Tilsley 'Life after Slides'. At Woodmead Halls, Hill Road from 7.30-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733 or go to the website www.lymebayphotographicclub.org
DORCHESTER: Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust - Dorchester Area Group - Peter Foster presents a slide show in the Dorset Room, Colliton Club, opposite County Hall, 7.30pm. Admission £2 Further info Tel: 01305 262121

BEAMINSTER: West Dorset Energy Debate Public Meeting. Talk by Dan Conaghan - presentation / Q&A by EDF Energy. At Public Hall, at 7pm. Organised by West Dorset Conservative Association and Conservative Policy Forum. For more details call 01300 321188

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Prepare your garden for Spring

A WINTER garden may look a little tired, a little drab, certainly not the showpiece it blossoms into in spring and summer. In particular, your vegetable patch is likely to be a shadow of its former summer self - perhaps you still have some spinach, silver beet, broccoli or some other members of the brassica family producing winter greens for your table, but the abundance of the warmer months is just a fond memory in July and August.

This quiet period in your garden's yearly cycle, though, does not mean you can rest on your laurels an absolute yourself of all garden duties. On the contrary, as we approach spring there is plenty to do to get your garden in tip top shape for the approaching growing season.

The Green House

If you have a green house in your garden, winter is a great time to give it a thorough cleaning in readiness for spring.

Check the structure itself - are there any cracked or broken panes that need replacing? Is the putty sound and does it provide a good seal? Do all the louvers and vents function properly?

One of the essentials of glasshouse success is a thorough sterilisation prior to the growing season. Sterilising all areas of the glasshouse will eliminate pests and diseases which could wreck your plants in the coming, warmer

months.

Open beds in your glasshouse should have their soil changed or replenished during winter and any pots in the glasshouse should receive the same attention.

Watering Systems

If you have an in ground or above ground watering system, winter is an ideal time to check that it is in good working order and perform any necessary maintenance. Check that there are no leaks in the pipes or joints, ensure all nozzles are unblocked and, if you use automatic timers, ensure that the batteries in these devices are fresh.

Compost and Preparing Your Soil

With spring a month or two off it's a good idea to start preparing the soil in your open planting beds. Dig in generous amounts of compost and leave the beds exposed to the winter weather.

If you have clay soil, cow pats and manure will improve it by adding humus to the soil structure.

You can make use of all those autumn leaves that litter your garden by digging them into your compost heap at the end of autumn. With the accelerated decomposition that occurs in a compost heap the leaves will decay twice as fast and be ready for use as compost at the beginning of spring.

Winter is also the time to add fertiliser and lime to your

soil (depending, of course, on the plants you plan to grow).

Planting

The end of winter is the time for planning your new vegetable garden. Decide what foods you want to grow in the coming season. Which plants can you fully consume yourself? And if you have a surplus, are there neighbours or friends who will accept the occasional bale of spinach or shopping bag full of spuds?

You may find it more efficient and economical to coordinate your vegetable growing with that of a neighbour. By swapping produce you'll both spend less time and money on the crops you grow.

Crops

As spring approaches you'll want to start laying down the crops you hope to feast on in the next few months. Here are a few common food crops you could consider

- If you plan to grow cabbage, celery, silver beet, spinach, lettuce, onions etc. from seed, plant the seeds now in seed trays so that young plants will be ready for planting in spring.
- Seed potatoes can also be planted in winter for spring crops.
- For dessert dishes it's the right time to plant strawberries and rhubarb.

- In warmer areas carrots, beetroot and peas can be sown directly into soil in the last part of winter.
- It's also a good time to plant citrus trees.

Plant Protection

The relative scarcity of food during the winter months makes pests even more ravenous and consequently puts your plants in greater danger from attack. Protect all seedlings and young plants from slugs and snails with an appropriate slug-killer.

Winter dampness can promote fungal diseases so spray winter vegetable plants and deciduous trees with an anti-fungal treatment.

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5. Mulch, don't bag.

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6. Go easy on the fertiliser!

Not all homeowners fertilise, but those who do have a strong tendency to overdo it. Fertiliser stimulates fast growth, thatch and the need for more mowing, which you don't want (after all, the goal is to have a beautiful and healthy lawn, not to create an arduous lawn care regimen!). And too much fertiliser just runs off, washing into streams and lakes.

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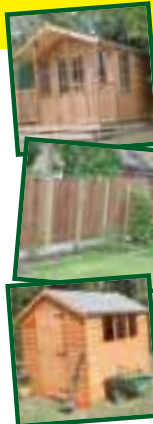


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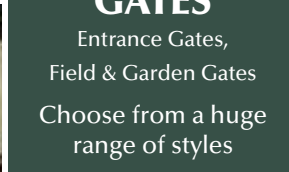
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WHOLE Lotta Led are the longest running, full-time professional tribute to Led Zeppelin.

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For Whole Lotta Led it is all about celebrating the incredible music which Jimmy Page, Robert Plant, John Paul Jones and John Bonham created during their illustrious career.

All five members of Whole Lotta Led lived through the euphoric times of Led Zeppelin's 1970s heyday and all witnessed Led Zeppelin live, some more than once.

Since their formation in 1996 the band have continually led the field of Zep tributes and with over 1,300 shows to their name they have performed 'Stair-

way To Heaven' more than any other band in the world – including Led Zeppelin.

Approved by Jimmy Page, Led Zeppelin's legendary guitarist, John Paul Jones, Led Zeppelin's bassist said of the band "If you like Led Zep then you'll love these guys".

Whole Lotta Led are live at The Gateway, Seaton Town Hall on Saturday, March 1st. Doors open 7.30pm, with music from 8.15pm (approx). Tickets £13.50 in advance, £16 on the door.

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Borodin's defining Russian epic *Prince Igor*, famous for its Polovtsian Dances, comes to the Met Opera (New York) for the first time in nearly 100 years, and The Gateway, Seaton Town Hall will be streaming the performance on Sunday, March 2nd.

Dmitri Tcherniakov's new production is a brilliant psychological journey through the mind of its conflicted hero, with the founding of the Russian nation as the backdrop. Star bass-baritone Ildar Abdrazakov takes on the monumental title role, with Gianandrea Noseda conducting.

The New York Times said: "(Tcherniakov's) wonderful staging is dreamlike, wrenchingly human and viscerally theatrical. The impressive cast, with many Russian singers, is headed by the compelling bass Ildar Abdrazakov in the title role.

"His *Igor* has moments of Italianate lyrical refinement. He brings passion, even a touch of neediness, to his exchanges with his devoted wife, Yaroslavna, the Ukrainian soprano Oksana Dyka in her Met debut. She is a classic Russian soprano with a cool, penetrating intensity, fearless high notes, and a glint of steel in her sound."

The performance will be shown at The Gateway on Sunday, March 2nd. Doors open 3pm, with the performance at 4pm. Tickets £15 in advance, £17.50 on the door.

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Two of opera's greatest artists Jonas Kaufmann and Sophie Koch appear together for the first time at the Metropolitan Opera (New York) in a performance of *Massenet's Werther*. Kaufmann stars in the title role of Massenet's sublime adaptation of Goethe's revolutionary and tragic romance, opposite Sophie Koch as Charlotte.

Werther is an old-fashioned love story that ends in tragedy. It remains one of Massenet's most enduring popular operas, a tour-de-force for a tenor with acting ability and a sweet, dulcet tone.

It features a strong international cast with Sophie Koch as Charlotte and soprano Lisette Oropesa in the key role of Sophie.

The new production is directed and designed by Richard Eyre and Rob Howell, the same team that created the Met's recent hit staging of *Carmen*. Rising young maestro Alain Altinoglu conducts.

The Gateway will be streaming *Werther* on Saturday, March 15th. Doors open 5pm, with the performance from 6pm. Tickets £15 in advance, £17.50 on the door.

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Sun: 10.10, 11.20, 12.30, 13.40,

14.05, 14.50, 17.10, 18.20

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Fri-Sun: 16.25, 18.40, 21.00

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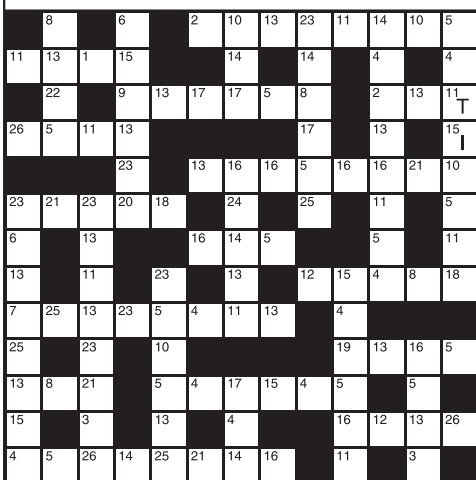
Stars Felicity Jones, Ralph Fiennes and Kristin Scott Thomas.

Brain Gym

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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
H	Y	D	A	P	E	B	S	N	F	U	Q	O
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
V	C	T	X	W	Z	M	K	L	J	R	I	G

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

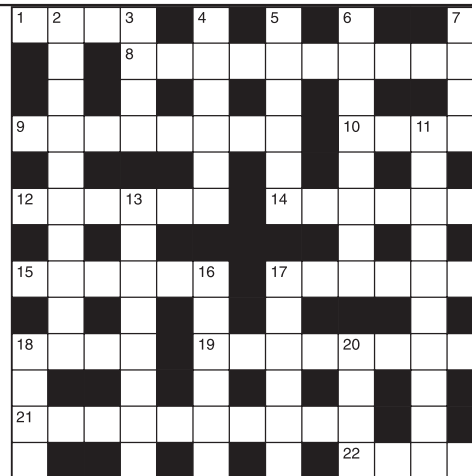
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Word associated with poker, but it's not flush! (4)
- One is certain to be this (10)
- Was present and listened (8)
- Stops and objects (4)
- It's not very often one gets a letter ahead of time! (6)
- Picnic, perhaps (3,3)
- His work's a grind (6)
- Walk the street with a list (6)
- Deserted port (4)
- Give an undertaking to shrink? (8)
- He's versatile, but liable to go to pieces (3,2,5)
- Take the last drop (4)

Down

- Order to the non-conformist on the track? (3,3,4)
- Vague letter of little value (4)
- Holiday when one is not at one's best (3,3)
- Promise to put a shelf on quietly (6)
- Film executive on board (8)
- Service accommodation (4)
- Unpopular second feature that's apt to grow on one (6,4)
- One of the family may be oriental (8)
- It has all the right ingredients (6)
- Various indications it's not raining (6)
- City where mail goes astray (4)
- Charge for a plant (4)



Quick Clues:

Across

- Girl (4)
- Victorious (10)
- Finished (8)
- Percolate (4)
- Painter (6)
- Show clearly (6)
- Resting (6)
- Threefold (6)
- Wound-mark (4)
- Cannibal (8)
- Happy (10)
- Above (4)

Down

- Dictatorial (10)
- Cease (4)
- Strip (6)
- Hinder (6)
- Punish (8)
- Pace (4)
- Great merit (10)
- Blend (8)
- Perpetrate (6)
- Ligament (6)
- Sieve (4)
- Too (4)

Sudoku

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1				9	3			5
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6	8			7			3	1
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3			1					9
	7	8		3		1		
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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

4	8	6	5	7	1	3	9	2
2	3	5	6	9	4	8	1	7
9	7	1	2	3	8	6	5	4
3	1	7	4	6	9	5	2	8
8	2	9	1	5	3	4	7	6
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1	5	3	7	8	6	2	4	9
6	4	2	9	1	5	7	8	3
7	9	8	3	4	2	1	6	5

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Dismantle; 8 Rye; 9 Gesticulate; 11 Present; 12 Alone; 13 Cheeps; 15 Define; 17 Muffs; 18 Hostile; 20 Reassurance; 22 Eye; 23 Eye-opener. Down: 2 Ire; 3 Alive; 4 Taunts; 5 Emanate; 6 Premonition; 7 Persevere; 10 Siege of Troy; 11 Pack-mules; 14 Passage; 16 Chaste; 19 Strip; 21 Cue. QUICK - Across: 1 Paralysis; 8 Own; 9 Crestfallen; 11 Dresser; 12 Alien; 13 Return; 15 Recede; 17 Class; 18 Average; 20 Intelligent; 22 Out; 23 Endlessly. Down: 2 Air; 3 Lotus; 4 Stairs; 5 Salvage; 6 Considerate; 7 Insincere; 10 Eventuality; 11 Direction; 14 Rosette; 16 Pallid; 19 Exile; 21 Nil.

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Spacious two bedroom property in Woodswater Lane



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LYME REGIS - £499,950



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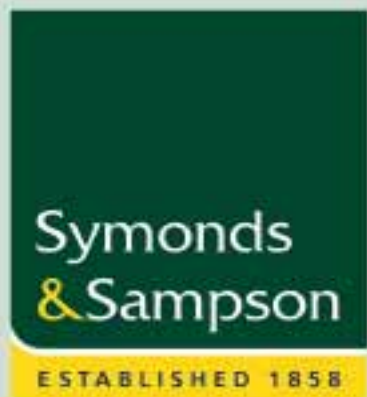
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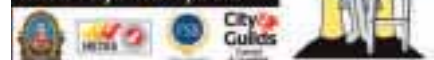
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The tyre, which was removed from a high performance BMW 3-series, was so worn, none of its tread pattern remained, making it virtually useless in the wet. Furthermore, the wear was so great on one shoulder of the tyre that it had started to destroy the integrity of the tyre carcass, with potentially fatal high speed consequences.

"This particular tyre was an accident waiting to happen," exclaimed Stuart Jackson, chairman, TyreSafe. "Adequate tread depth is essential all year round, but particularly important just now when we are experiencing so much rain and difficult driving conditions. Checking your tyre tread depth is very simple and only takes a few minutes. It really is something that all drivers should do at least once a month to stay safe and legal."

Current UK law requires car drivers to have at least 1.6mm of tread on their tyres across the central three quarters of the tyre around its entire circumference. Those found to be in breach of this law can face fines of up to £2,500 and three penalty points per tyre. Indeed, in 2012 more than 170 drivers per week were successfully prosecuted in court for driving on defective tyres.

However, more importantly, driving on illegal tyres can greatly reduce safety on the road, especially in wet conditions. The tyre's tread grooves help to evacuate water from the road surface, enabling the tyre to grip the road properly so that the vehicle can brake, steer and accelerate safely. Without ade-

quate tread depth, all of these are greatly compromised, risking the safety of the driver, their passengers and other road users.

To help drivers quickly assess if their car tyres are safe and legal, TyreSafe recommends taking the 20p test. Drivers simply need to insert a 20p coin into the main grooves of a tyre. If the outer band of the 20p coin is visible when inserted into the groove, then the tread is probably too low and should be inspected immediately by a qualified tyre professional.

"Sadly, the bad weather shows no sign of subsiding at the moment so it's particularly important that drivers ensure their tyres can cope in these terrible conditions," adds Jackson. "If you're in any doubt then pop into your local tyre specialist who I'm sure would be delighted to check things for you."



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Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
BSC.....	17	30
Rob's Robbers.....	16	29
Times Up.....	16	23
All Stars.....	17	21
Nomads.....	16	19
Knapp Inn.....	17	19
Young Guns.....	17	17
Hands of Time.....	16	15
Nags Head A.....	16	13
Surely that's enigh.....	17	8
Dat Team.....	17	2
Odd Bods.....	16	2

Most 180s: Terry Prowse (Rob's Robbers) 7, Mark Munro (All Stars), Matt Brotherton (Rob's Robbers) & Sam Legg (Young Guns) all 5, five players all 4.
Win %: Graham Knight (Nomads) 100% (16/16)

Division Two	Pld	Pts
One for the Vikings.....	16	29
Rubber Johns.....	16	25
Odds or Us.....	15	24
Elders.....	15	20
Young Darters.....	16	18
The Surgeons.....	15	11
Royal Hawks.....	14	10
One Direction.....	15	10
Poachers.....	15	10
Bob's Boys.....	15	8
Broken Arrows.....	16	3

Most 180: Wayne Doble (Rubber Johns) x4, Mike Day (One for the Vikings) and Kenny Poole (One Direction) both x3.
Win %: Nick Quinton (Odds or Us) 100% (15/15).

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Flashes Fives.....	14	24
Only Just.....	14	19
Time Bombs.....	14	19
Anchor Five.....	13	18
Anchor Vale Viewers.....	13	17
Inbetweeners.....	13	10
Mozzies Heroes.....	13	9
The Capercaillies.....	13	7
Midnight Runners.....	14	6
Odd & Sods.....	13	5

Most 180s: Paul Bearpark (Odds & Sods) & Andre Reynolds (Time Bombs) both x2.
Win %: Paul Bearpark and Paul Gumbrell (Inbetweeners) both 11/2 84.62%.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Tiger Bees.....	16	19
Tip Top Odds.....	15	19
Otter Rotters.....	15	19
All the Kings Men.....	15	18
The Royal Nuts.....	13	18
Sorted Odds.....	16	17
Sue's Rebels.....	15	14
Greyhound.....	15	13
Dodgers.....	14	12
No Direction.....	15	8
Con Artists.....	15	7

Most 180s: Craig Collins (Con Artists) x2, Five players x1.
Win %: John Boyle (Otter Rotters) 100% (15/15).

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Tender Trap.....	13	24
Anchor Aces.....	13	22
Knight 'n' Gals.....	13	20
Clocking On.....	13	20
Queenies of the Cl.....	13	11
Sue's Rebels.....	13	10
Kings Arrows.....	13	9
Queen Bees.....	13	8
Nest Door.....	13	5
Castaways.....	13	1

Most 180s: Sharon Poole (Clocking On) and Sarah Chick (Tender Trap) both x1.
Win %: Sarah Chick 100% (13/13).

Ladies Div Two	Pld	Pts
Cliff Hangers.....	10	17
Against the Odds.....	10	14
Wildcats.....	10	13
Douglals Dollies.....	11	11
Good Mates.....	10	9
Anchors Aweigh.....	11	7
Charlie's Angels.....	10	7
Tiger Stripes.....	10	4

Most 180s: None.
Win %: Sue Marks (Cliff Hangers) 87.50% (7/1), A.Parkman (Charlie's Angels) 100% (3/3).

Brilliant start for Ireland and Scadding

RALLY kings Rex Ireland and Adrian Scadding made a great start to 2014 by winning the opening round of the BRDTA Rally season on Saturday.

They completed an almost faultless run in the Wydean Forest Rally around the tracks near Chepstow to send out a strong signal to their competitors that they are looking to go one better than last year and win the BRDTA Historic Cup H3 Class.

The duo completed the 45 mile route winning all of the seven stages in a time of

50.04 minutes, almost 4½ minutes ahead of their nearest challenger to finish 23rd overall out of 135 starters.

Such was the brilliance of their drive that they beat half of the H4 cars who are much more powerful than their 1977 Ford Escort.

favourites beaten

More importantly they beat the favourites in their class Steve Perez and Paul Spooner in their Datsun 260Z.

Perez the Amigos Tequila Flavoured Beer boss could not catch Ireland, finishing third in each stage before

retiring at the end of sixth stage with a driveshaft problem.

Navigator Scadding said: "The roads were stones but had been made a bit slippery where leaves had been washed on to them, but everything went like clockwork and there is nothing really to report.

"It was probably our best performance ever."

With the best six out of the nine races counting, the pair next compete in the third race, the Somerset Stages which starts at Butlin's Minehead on April 12th.

Hockey

WITH STUART BROOM

Hawks move 3 clear

YEOVIL & SHERBORNE 0 WEST DORSET HAWKS 2
YEOVIL & Sherborne sides are always tough opponents to beat, and so it proved on Saturday where the Hawks finally won through to ensure they continued to lead South East 1.

Hawks also had to contend with the host's brand new pitch which, with its fast surface, made life tricky until they had found their feet.

They eventually took the lead on 24 minutes when Richard Pusey's cross was blocked by the keeper, but Russell Coombes was on it in a flash to fire the Hawks into the lead.

With the goal advantage Hawks went straight at their opponents after the interval and had them under the cosh for long periods.

Despite their superiority, Yeovil were quick to break on occasions, and Tom Lowe brought off a superb save in a one-to-one situation to keep them ahead.

Eventually the Hawks got a deserved second with ten minutes to go when Mike Thompson slipped a short corner to Rick Steele who fired home to secure the points.

HAWKS A moved into second spot with this comprehensive victory over their ten-man visitors, with Simon Wakely bagging five.

The hosts, despite their man advantage, were a sluggish in the first-half against their lowly opponents, but by half-time led 4-0.

They finally got into gear after the interval and took the score to double figures before Sidmouth claimed a consolation goal.

Simon Kellis (3), Henry Middleton (2), Alex Drew (2), Richard Wilson and Jim Bowditch also registered on the score sheet.

South East 3 (top)	Pld	GD	Pts
Bridgwater C.....	16	52	40
WEST DORSET A.....	16	52	36
ECV Hornets C.....	16	37	35
Chard B.....	16	29	34
Yeovil & Sherborne C.....	16	22	29
Isca E.....	16	-1	23
East Devon C.....	16	0	18
Ashmoor B.....	16	-10	17
Bridgwater D.....	16	-19	16
East Devon D.....	16	-16	15
OPM B.....	16	-33	8
Sidmouth & Ottery E.....	16	-113	4

Beaminster still third after stalemate

SALISBURY 3RD 1 BEAMINSTER 1

BEAMINSTER made it five games unbeaten with this draw at Salisbury 3rds. The West Dorset side comfortably hold third place in Channel Division 1 with five games to go.

Although they have no real hope of catching leaders Gillingham and Bournemouth 3rd's who are 12 points ahead, they can influence the outcome as they have to meet both sides in their next two fixtures, both at The Sir John Colfox School.

Double success for Ladies tennis teams

SEATON B Ladies ensured there was a double success for the female section of the tennis club when they trounced Torquay B Ladies 8-0 at Torbay to win Division 4 of the Exeter and District Tennis Winter League

The team has won every match and are currently 44 points ahead of their nearest rivals, David Lloyd D and Torquay B, who even if they win maximum points in their remaining matches will still finish 20 points behind Seaton.

Eleven players contributed to the success of the team, which is coached by Derek Blackmore, and the enthusiasm generated for playing league matches has enabled Seaton to enter three ladies teams; as well as three mixed and three men's teams; into this year's summer leagues.

Carol Hurst won every set she played and Liz Lindsay played an amazing seven matches, dropping only 2 sets and winning 28.

In the division above the Seaton Ladies A team with a squad of six players, had even more emphatic victories, winning every home game 8-0 and only losing two sets in all their away matches.

The A Ladies are currently 30 points ahead

of the second placed team with one match left and like the B side cannot be caught so will also finish champions.

Seaton Ladies A team also finished champions of the second division in last summer's league so will be playing in the first division this year.

The club also has a thriving junior programme run by Ben Elliott and his team of coaches.

Mini-Red, Orange and Green sessions run three times a week and there are teen squads developing the club's young talent.

February half term holiday camps are today (Wednesday, February 19th and tomorrow and are open to non-members. Contact Ben Elliott on 07508 363186 or email b.elliott.tennis@live.co.uk for further details.

The club is holding its annual Open Day on Saturday April 5th from 10am to 4pm. Visitors and members will be able to watch demonstrations, join in adult and junior coaching sessions and meet special guests.

For more information, contact Membership Secretary, Jeremy Warner, Membership Secretary, on seatontennis@gmail.com, 07973 506312 or visit our website www.seatontennis.net.

Sophie tops the class

LOCAL golfer Sophie Keach has added to her illustrious array of awards having combined her golf with her school work.

The 17-year-old Millfield School student is studying towards a BTEc in sport has won the annual England Golf Silver Tee which is awarded to a pupil who develops their golf while also concentrating on their studies.

Keach, who lives in Axminster and learned to play golf at Lyme Regis, won the English School's Girls title for the second time in three years in 2013.

She now plays her golf at Parkstone Golf Club representing Devon Dorset Counties, and is an England international.

Sophie hopes that the academic side of the award will be rewarded in the summer by passing her exams, although she plans to play on the women's amateur circuit for the next two years to gain experience. Her immediate targets include defending her English girls' title and winning a British event.

In addition to her second English School's Girls title last year, she was the English girls' champion and helped England win the Girls' Home Internationals, as well as captaining Millfield to the World Schools Championship title in South Africa.



◆ TOP OF THE CLASS: Sophie Keach pictured with the English girls' trophy.

Lyme Cribbage

RESULTS - Week 19

New Inn Kilminster A 4
Cloakham Lawns 1, Stepps P
Gerrard Arms P, Beer Club 2
Lamb Swans 3, Ship Inn LR 2
New Inn Kilminster B 3, Nags Head LR 3 Ax Con Club 2.

Beer League

New Inn Kilminster A 2
Cloakham Lawns 1, Stepps P
Gerrard Arms P, Beer Club 1
Lamb Swans 2, Ship Inn LR 1
New Inn Kilminster B 2, Nags Head LR 1 Ax Con Club 2.
Fixtures (February 24th)
Final of Losers Cup - Beer Club v Stepps (at Beer Club)

Table week 18	Pld	Pts
New Inn Kilim A.....	17	50
Lamb Swans.....	17	49
Beer Club.....	17	46
New Inn Kilim B.....	17	44
Nags Head LR.....	17	42
Ship Inn LR.....	17	42
Ax Con Club.....	17	42
Royal Oak.....	17	42
Stepps.....	16	35
Cloakham Lawns.....	16	35
Gerrard Arms.....	14	26

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Lamb Swans.....	17	30
New Inn Kilim A.....	17	29
Beer Club.....	17	29
New Inn Kilim B.....	17	28
Ax Con Club.....	17	28
Royal Oak.....	17	24
Stepps.....	16	22
Ship Inn LR.....	17	22
Gerrard Arms.....	14	21
Cloakham Lawns.....	16	21
Nags Head LR.....	17	18

Bridport skittles League

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday, February 24th:

Mens Pairs - Round 3 Monday, February 24th

KING CHARLES: H Rathbone & S Welsford; C Willcox & M Chivers; D Horton & L Slocombe; Z Cauldwell & D Cowburn; B Pitcher & A Mills; S Pitter & A Cauldwell; I Pincombe & M Horton; G Brooks & T Luter.

Wednesday, February 26th

SHAVE CROSS: P Symonds & R Clarke; D Cooper & R Pincombe; A Paulley & R Frampton; D Gudge & M Gudge; M Powell & S Lee; B Chapple & M Barnes; L Dare & C Barnes; M Hooper & S Smith.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Wanderers.....	12	24
Shipfaced.....	12	16
Broad Oak.....	13	14
Rejets.....	13	14
Rockets.....	13	14
Slingers.....	12	14
Denhay Farm.....	13	12
Masters.....	12	12
Smithys Boys.....	13	12
Rough Eight.....	13	10
The Dingles.....	13	8
Nelson Nobblers.....	13	2

Division B	Pld	Pts
Lively Lads.....	12	18
Outsiders.....	11	18
Gerryatics.....	11	15
U Know the Bokes.....	10	12
Crazy Gang.....	11	10
Miss the Ball.....	12	10
NBC.....	11	10
Bangers.....	11	8
Dingbats.....	11	8
W.Dorset Panthers.....	12	8
7' Clock.....	12	7

Division C	Pld	Pts
Aussies Lot.....	11	14
Mean Machine.....	9	12
Originals.....	10	12
Swimming Club.....	11	12
AFAR.....	11	10
Bulldogs.....	10	10
Strawpedoes.....	10	10
LHS.....	9	9
Groundhogs.....	11	7
Castouts.....	10	6

Division D	Pld	Pts
Unknowns.....	10	14
Countrymen.....	11	14
Pioneers.....	10	14
Survivors.....	10	12
Let em Roll.....	10	10
Featherbeds.....	11	8
Whisky Chasers.....	8	8
Alcoholics.....	9	6
Rob's Rebels.....	9	6
Offcuts.....	10	4

Highest individual league score: N.Pye (90 x2).

Highest individual cup score: N.Matterface (90).

Ladies Division	Pld	Pts
Brandy Snaps.....	8	14
Hidden Talent.....	8	12
Yo Yo's.....	8	12
Alleycats.....	8	8
Pinbashers.....	8	8
No Problem.....	7	4
Bad Girls.....	7	2
Tiger Lilies.....	8	2

Highest individual score: S.Yeatman (Brandy Snaps) 82.

More success for Lodgers Young Players

LODERS Young Players held its 13th annual awards at Lodgers Village Hall recently where more success for local youngsters was reported.

The local charity continues to go from strength to strength in signposting local children aged 5-18 into professional coaching at subsidised rates.

These include tennis and mini tennis with LTA coach, Alan Cash real tennis with the Hyde professional Ben Ronaldson; swimming with ASA coach Penny Yarnold; and badminton with Mike and Mary Kite, the club goes from strength to strength.

The awards commenced with Chairman, David Lee giving a résumé of a busy 2013, thanking the Committee, parents and coaches for their invaluable continued support.

Awards co-ordinator and secretary, Lesley Lee acknowledged that LYPs members had been very successful with four members representing the county, namely:

Eva Bowring; U16s ladies cricket and athletics; Ollie Lee; U15s cricket; Rosie Hart; U11s badminton, and Olivia Willmore; U11s badminton and cross-country.

They also had two successful British squad mem-

bers in Levi Gale in U18s real tennis, and past member Harrison Yarnold in the pentathlon and triathlon.

Trophies were presented to the most improved sports people; chosen by their coaches; as follows:

Captain John Hughes special achievement shield - Olivia Willmore (presented by Mrs Pat Hughes); Mini tennis - Maisie Herbert (Levi Gale); Tennis - Daisy Parsons (Levi Gale); Real tennis - Ollie Lee (Des Gale); Badminton - Daisy Parsons (Mike Kite);

Swimming medals were also presented by Levi Gale to Toby Reeves, Lucy Reeves and Katie Shaw.



■ GREAT ACHIEVEMNT: The winners proudly show their trophies.

Barber trims the field

WHILE most of the successes at the recent Combined Services at Larkhill point-to-point meeting went to visiting trainers, Jack Barber flew the Wessex flag, winning two of the eight races.

The Crewkerne-based trainer took the reins when winning the Restricted in a field of 19 on evens favourite Subtle Sovereign who again impressed as he readily followed up his January 25th course success, winning by three lengths from Legal Legend.

He made it a double in the following race, the Ladies Open when Aikideau won by 10 lengths.

Bought privately by Sarah Barber, Pippa James and Sarah "SJ" Longman after carrying the Stewart family's Big Buck's colours under Rules, he opened his pointing account after jockey Bryony Frost grabbed the inside line rounding the final bend.

The next Wessex racing is the Countryside Alliance Club meeting at Badbury Rings (Dorset) on Sunday, February 23rd.

Results:

RESTRICTED (19 ran)

1. Subtle Sovereign (IRE) (J Barber, EvensF); 2. Legal Legend (T McClorey, 5-1); 3. Guido d'Arezzo (IRE) (M Gorman, 7-1). 6min 28. 3l, 15l, (Jack Barber).

LADIES OPEN (9 ran)

1. Aikideau (FR) (Miss B Frost, 3-1); 2. Boomtown Kat (Miss R Talbot, 14-1); 3. Parstara (Miss A Mills, 4-6F). 6min 26. 10l, 8l, (Jack Barber).

Bowls

Severe on Severalls

Bridport Indoor Bowls

JOAN Griffiths, Barbara Jenkins, Brian Baker and Brian Morgan took top rink award in Bridport's Four Rink Mixed Friendly against Severalls (Crewkerne) winning 31-13, while Gerry Moss, Bernard Waterman, Beryl Stork and Phil Hedges were 6-5 up after nine ends before stepping up a gear to win 24-9.

Brian Parker, Rosie Wilton, Mel Griffiths and Martin Wilton shot into a 10-0 lead, but needed a two count on the final end to clinch a 19-15 win.

Despite a great lead from Sylvia Fletcher, Mike Fletcher, Keith Jenkins and Edna Cumberland went down 17-21 leaving Bridport 91-58 up overall.

Joan Griffiths, Millie Meech, Ann Turtell and Margaret Pestelle came close to taking two points against the Dolphin (Poole) in the County League, before dropping 3-2 counts over the last two ends to lose 16-20.

The league leaders showed their class though as Lyn Craddock, Laura Taylor, Edna Cumberland and Sue Walsh were beaten 10-25.

Rose Everett, Derek Fitzgerald, Laura and Bob Taylor picked up two points in the County Mixed League with a fine 23-9 win against Moonfleet; Francis Hewett, Barbara Jenkins, Chris Everest and Brian Rumble just missing out as they went down 16-17.

Dave Roberts, Peter Scott and Brian Conisbee secured two points for Bridport (B) in the Purbeck Trophy League defeating The Dorset Bowls Rest (Bere Regis) 19-13.

Bridport rugby

Blandford pack too strong to handle

Blandford 22 Bridport 15

TOP of the table Blandford hosted lowly Bridport at one of only four league matches to be played on Saturday.

The state of their pitch was borderline until a few minutes from kick off when a sudden deluge left water all over the squelching surface.

These conditions were to become an advantage to the heavier home pack throughout the game.

Perhaps Blandford were a little casual at the start because the visitors took the ball from the first scrum, passed it down all the backs for Nathan Herbert to dab the ball down in the right corner. Rory Greening converted and the Blues were 0-7 up almost immediately.

Blandford were stung into action by this impertinence and soon settled themselves to launch several promising attacks at the Blue's line. Bridport and the mud managed to withhold this pressure but from a penalty deep in the visitor's territory, the host's pack won the lineout and drove hard to the line, the number 8 spinning off the side to touch down in the corner for their first unconverted try.

The Blues recovered their composure to spend more time in the opposition half for the second quarter of the game. Rory Greening took advantage of the wind to attempt a successful long-range penalty to bring the half time score up to 5-10 for the visitors.

Ominously the wind freshened in the second-half in the home side's favour. Poor tackling allowed a big Blandford centre to brush off two tackles to score under the posts, and with an easy conversion take the lead 12-10.

Weak tackling seemed to spread across all the Bridport players, and failure to make first tackles gave the home side a running momentum which was very hard to counter.

The hefty Blandford pack pushed a maul about 30 metres up the pitch and won a penalty for Bridport seemingly dragging down the maul when the intention was to spin it around.

A kick to the corner saw a repeat of the first home try with the pack driving to the line for an unconverted pushover try.

The league leaders appeared to have the game by the scruff of the neck; their passing seemed to improve despite the torrid conditions of sleeting rain and wind, and when Bridport lost two key players to injury their heads dropped.

Blandford brought on fresh reserves and the final whistle would have been a blessing. Repeated scrums on the Blue's five-metre line brought on an inevitable further pushover try.

The pitch showed lines of stud tracks where the Bridport pack had locked out their scrum

but to no avail. No conversion gave the home side a 22-10 lead and it all looked wrapped up.

The weather conditions changed yet again in the final minutes of the match. The sun came out and Bridport suddenly regained some fire.

They forced their way back up the field to win a scrum close to the Blandford line.

Scrum half Ollie Everett took the ball and ghosted past three defenders to score close to the corner. Sadly no conversion but the boys were able to go home with a losing bonus point.

Bridport could take pride in their determination and in the respect of their opposition. Sadly the 2nd XV game at Ringwood was a victim of the weather and is now due to be played this coming Saturday (February 22nd).

The 1st XV are away to Salisbury at the weekend. All are welcome at the Bridport clubhouse for pies and pints to watch England v. Ireland at 4pm.

EXETER SARACENS U13 42

BRIDPORT 0

BRIDPORT came up against a strong Exeter Saracens side, and the winning start to 2014 the young Blues had enjoyed came to a halt.

Saracens travelled with a large squad and their stature and fitness was evident throughout.

With Sarries scoring four tries in the first half and three in the second-half with some conversions taken as well, the final score didn't reflect on how much spirit the under 13's played with.

This team know what they have to do to improve on this result when the face Sherborne this Sunday.

Bridport U12 25 Weymouth 10

BRIDPORT secured a sound victory at home to a 20 strong Weymouth squad in heavy conditions.

From the outset, Bridport played great attacking rugby with some determined drives from forwards and backs alike. The pack supported the ball carrier and held their structure well in defence, tackling hard and rucking over well.

Tries came from Eddie Gale (2), Otto Harvey, Christian Hand and Joe Ellsworth in what was a fantastic team effort.

Unfortunately a second game was called off early due to Harvey's injury, but good to hear that although bruised, he is well. Thanks go to Weymouth for lending players.

Bridport U11 56 Weymouth 5

EVICTED from their regular site by a threatening wind blown tree and an electric cable,



■ WAIT FOR IT: Bridport's Ollie Everett (blue, standing) poised to pounce at a scrum in Saturday's 22-15 defeat at Blandford.

Bridport set up camp on the 1st XV pitch and treated the crowd to a crushing game of penetrating runs; one after the other as the forwards worked doggedly.

None more so than Callum Fowler and Ryan Phillips who rightfully share the honours as man of the match for all their efforts which was also supported by the rest of the pack to ensured the victory.

Six tries from Phillips together with one each from Seth Furner and Reuben Jolliffe, who converted all eight tries.

This was a game of individuals, impressive in ability but they need to work as a team. There was at times great continuity reflected in the cheers and applause of the loyal parents, but we need to see more.

Under 10s

THE storm abated, the sun shone, and a soft pitch; a beautiful day for rugby.

From players so young there was much to admire from both sides; bullet passes, tuck passes, loops, driving-on and tries; but that frequent lament of why so few leg tackles was heard yet again from the sideline.

In truth, Weymouth outscored Bridport, but replies from Toby Gale, George Found, Tegan Furner and the two Jack's, Tozer and Handford, ensured that the game was never going to be one-sided, and much was learnt of leadership.

A decision has been made to appoint Furner captain for the remainder of the season based on his ability, commitment, knowledge of the game and attendance at training.

He will need to work on his communication on the pitch, but his coaches feel that he will rise to the challenge.

There are other players, formerly quiet, who

made themselves noticed. We have discovered a seeker of the ball in Thomas Craven, a keeper of the ball in Billy Needham, and identified Will Smith and Jack Tozer as potential scrum-halves.

All we need now is full attendance at training, and a few more players. Readers please note!

Under 9s - Best performance

THIS was one of Bridport's best performances of the season against a very good Weymouth side.

Training sessions over the last couple of weeks paid off as the team showed great improvements in their tackling and passing.

Playing strongly as a team and moving the ball around well resulted in a number of tries which were scored by Cosmo Slight, Jude Wright and Daniel Batorski.

Bridport will now continue to work on these improvements ready for their next match.

Under 8s - Honours even

A SLOW start in match one saw the Blues narrowly beaten by Weymouth, but the improvements made toward the end of the second-half continued into match two for a Bridport victory.

Tries came from Charlie Brake, Henry Everett, Dominic Burdett, Barney Johnson, Abi Alner, and Patrick May.

Under 7s - win against Weymouth

THIS was good day of rugby for the youngest Bridport side against their Weymouth counterparts with the leading try scorers being Maisy Herbert, William Banham, Kieran Coombs and Connor Rendell-Feather.

Football tables

Skrill South (bottom)	Pld	GD	Pts
Havant & W.ville (14th)	20	8	30
Farnborough	25	-11	30
Hayes & Yeading	23	0	28
Whitehawk	27	-12	28
Boreham Wood	24	0	26
Maidenhead Utd	23	-11	22
Tonbridge Angels	23	-13	22
DORCHESTER TOWN	25	-33	21
Gosport Borough	21	-13	19

Calor Premier (top)	Pld	GD	Pts
Hemel Hempstead Town	30	76	72
Chesham United	30	38	61
St Albans City	31	33	61
Stourbridge	30	47	56
Bideford	33	20	56
Cambridge City	26	27	55
Poole Town	23	22	45
Corby Town	27	7	42
Arlesey Town	31	-2	41
Hitchin Town	28	10	40
Banbury United	28	-7	40
Biggleswade Town	27	12	39
WEYMOUTH	27	-12	39
Burnham	30	-14	38
Frome Town	31	-18	35

Toolstation Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
Larkhill Athletic	22	51	64
Bristol Manor Farm	28	48	62
Gillingham Town	25	38	57
Street	14	53	53
Willand Rovers	24	12	42
Cadbury Heath	25	5	37
Odd Down	21	12	36
Bitton	23	7	35
Melkham Town	25	-7	35
Hallen	22	3	33
Winterbourne Utd*	28	-15	29
Longwell Green	21	-7	28
Bridport	25	-5	27
Buckland Athletic	23	-2	26
Slimbridge	23	-15	22
Sherborne Town	22	-14	22
Radstock Town	24	23	19
Iffracombe Town	21	-33	17
Hengrove Athletic	22	-25	15
Bishop Sutton	24	-44	12

Dorset Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
WEYMOUTH RES.	22	28	44
Hamworthy Res	20	38	39
PORTLAND UNITED	19	36	39
Merley Cobham	20	21	39
Mere Town	19	20	32
BRIDPORT RES.	20	13	31
Blandford United	20	10	30
Holt United	23	-14	27
Shaftesbury Town*	23	-18	26
Hamworthy Rangers	18	1	24
Cranborne	21	-33	23
Swanage & Herston*	9	22	22
Tintinhull	18	-6	22
Hamworthy Utd Res*	18	-20	18
Parley Sports	21	-25	18
Sherborne Town Res	19	-17	17
Bore Borough	22	-31	15

Senior League	Pld	GD	Pts
Chickertell Utd	13	19	32
Westland Sports	12	30	29
Sturminster Newton	11	15	24
Upwey & Broadwey	12	8	23
Corfe Mullen Utd	11	20	20
Portland Utd Res.	12	1	20
Gillingham Res.	12	-3	18
Witchampton Utd	11	7	17
Blandford Utd Res	13	15	17
South Cheriton	12	-5	15
Piddletown Utd	17	-20	12
Sturminster Newton Utd	12	-2	10
Kingston Lacy	14	-33	8
Okeford Utd	12	-34	3

Dorset Division 1	Pld	GD	Pts
Balti House	15	17	37
Milborne Sports	14	26	28
Weymouth Spartans	15	-1	28
Dorchester Sports	14	18	27
Kangaroos	13	10	25
Poundbury Rovers	14	23	25
Wincanton Town Res	11	7	19
Poole Borough Res	10	0	13
Swanage & Herst Res	13	-9	13
AFC Cobham	14	-18	12
Bridport 3rds	13	-8	11
Stourpaine	13	-15	8
Bere Regis	15	-34	4

Dorset Division 2	Pld	GD	Pts
Lytchett RT	13	47	36
Parley Sports Res	13	20	25
Portland Town	10	8	25
Portsmouth Utd	10	8	23
Wyke Regis SC	15	0	23
Shaftesbury Town Res	11	5	20
Redlands FC	14	2	20
Corfe Castle	14	1	19
Chickertell Utd Res	12	1	18
Gillingham Town A	13	0	16
Wareham Rangers Res	10	-1	11
Piddletown Utd	16	-21	11
Ship Inn, Wool	17	-31	11
Sturminster Newton	17	-29	6

Dorset Division 3	Pld	GD	Pts
Stickleland Utd	15	33	35
Broadstone	16	30	33
Henstridge Utd	13	9	28
Mere Town Res	14	29	27
AFC Blandford	10	19	24
Handley Sports	15	4	22
Maiden Newton & Catt	8	22	21
Stalbridge	13	-13	16
Sturminster Newton	15	-25	11
Portland Town Res	15	-38	7
Bere Regis Res	10	-29	6
Donhead Utd	14	-52	3

Dorset Division 4	Pld	GD	Pts
Puddletown	12	26	29
Milborne Sports Res	12	15	25
Portland Town A	15	-1	23
Owermoigne	11	8	21
Weymouth Spart Res	12	-3	20
Pimperne SS	13	7	19
UFC Poundbury	13	-17	17
AFC Cobham Res	10	2	16
Cranborne Res	13	0	14
Kangaroos Res	14	-14	12
Corfe Mullen Utd Res	12	-12	9
South Cheriton Res	11	-15	7

Dorset Division 5	Pld	GD	Pts
Portland Utd Youth	13	29	31
Lytchett RT Youth	13	23	28
Portland Town B	17	-26	22
Corfe Castle Res	13	7	21
Broadstone Res	10	8	19
Wool & Winfrith	10	8	18
Manham	11	5	16
Handley Sports Res	10	6	13
Piddletown Res*	11	-8	10
Okeford Utd Res	13	-30	8
Maiden Newt & C Res*	9	-22	3

Shorter trip pays off for Somerset Lias

REALISING how sapping the recent poor ground was, local trainer Bob Buckler decided to run Somerset Lias over two miles at Wincanton on Saturday despite it not being his ideal distance writes Stuart Broom.

"He is only a young horse, and although ideally he needs much further, I felt it was foolish to run further in the conditions which were extreme, and unfair to the welfare of the horse."

Buckler's experience was proved right as the six-year-old ran a superbly to finish third in the Bathwick Tyres Salisbury Novices' Hurdle.

"He ran a blinder; he jumped well and stayed in the race. He was hampered in the final straight which didn't help his chances but he stayed on. Without a clear run Sam Jones switched him to the right in the last 100 yards and he got up to snatch third on the line by a neck.

Buckler added: "That was his third handicap qualifying race and it will be interesting to see what the handicapper puts him."

Tinker Time found the ground just too much for him earlier in the card, and was brought home safely in sixth after being in with a chance three out in the 2¾ mile Bathwick Tyres Yeovil Handicap Hurdle.

It was the worst result of the six-year-olds career who finished second at Exeter last month in soft ground, but he hated the heavy going and once beaten was nursed home Liam Heard.

Lyme Regis Golf

Di's stableford delight

BY RICHARD JACKMAN

LYME ladies managed a 15-hole stableford competition on Thursday before the wild weather set in the following day.

Di Smith won with a competitive 29 points from Jane Southcombe 28 points and Anne Humphreys on 27. Jane also won the 2s pot.

Just an addendum to last week - congratulations to John Toates who finished 2nd equal with

Alastair Purcell in the Wellings Salver, a seniors' competition where the best six stableford scores count.

Although a few trees and branches have been lost to the winter weather the course has stood up very well, and golf has been possible on most days especially the 15-hole layout, a testimony to the hard work of David Everett and his green-keeping team.

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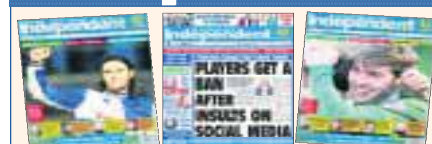


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Champion Manny gives them all a lead and still wins!

MANNY Cox became Year 7 Boys county champion in sensational circumstances by beating his opponents twice in the Dorset Schools Cross Country Championship at Bournemouth recently.

The Sir John Colfox School (TSJS) pupil had such a commanding lead that the rest of the 146 runners lost their way and took a wrong turn, cutting off around 400m of the course before reappearing on the correct route ahead of Cox. Undismayed he promptly overtook the field again to win in style.

His exploits, backed up by his teammates; Marcus Burt (9th), Frankie Chant (18th) and Nat Wormleighton (43rd) saw them beat off 18 other schools to win the team title, an unexpected bonus having finished second in the West Dorset League.

Coach Andy David said: "It was one of the most sensational races I have witnessed. To win the race having had to run an additional 400m and pass

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the field again was incredible!

While the team was expected to do well having finished second in the West Dorset League, to take the title was a bonus."

The Year 7 Girls were quietly confident of doing well after enjoying an unbeaten season in the West Dorset Area League, and so it proved.

Despite missing their second strongest runner they took the team title by two points due to the fact that the top four to count, finished in the top 20 finishers in a field of 146 from 21 other schools.

Olivia Willmore finished an excellent third with Hannah-Rae Bowell (10th), Bronwyn Wright (19th), Rosie Hart, who saved her best performance of the season for the most important race to finish 20th, and Lauren Farnham (85th) completing the team.

The junior boys were always going to find it tough to beat a very good Bournemouth School.

In the end the team were edged into a very respectable second place out of 18 participating schools and a field of 123 runners.

Dane James was the top Colfox runner finishing a superb third with Tom Crabtree (14th), Thai Chant (18th), Jed Holt (19th), Sam Handyside (30th), Brian Robertshaw (31st), James Cox (39th) and Jack Turner (78th).

In total TSJS took 46 runners, and as well as the three full teams, a number of individuals also competed in the muddy conditions, with Sydney March finishing 10th in the junior girls and Wendy Robertshaw 5th, both of whom made the county team.

Mr David thanked Eddie Colfox from the Watton Hill Trust for allowing the school to use their land for the course for training, Bellrock (formerly SGP) for sponsoring the kit and Claire Hart and Anna Willmore for help with training.



MORE SUCCESS: Some of the members of the Sir John Colfox School cross country team who continued the schools outstanding sporting achievements with success at the Dorset County Championships

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